Friomone

I Page

Tuesday October 8 1996

# MOCEUE EL

Printed in London, Manchester, Frankfurt and Roubaix

Bless the mall, bless them all

Section 1 OFFICE

John Hooper on a Venetian riddle

# Did the Mafia torch La Fenice?

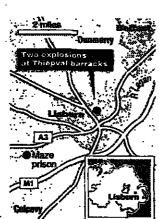
Inside story pages 4/5



Education

Réform and the lessons of history

# Bombs shatter truce in Ulster



David Sharrock In Lisburn

detonated inside the army's headquarters Northern Ireland yesterday, injur-ing 20 people. The blasts lence in the province, and a massive republican propaganda success on the eve of

the Conservative Party The bombs — assumed to be the work of the IRA — exploded within 15 minutes of

racks at Lisburn, a largely Protestant town eight miles south of Relfast Questions were being asked

last night about a hugely em-barrassing security breach for the army. An army spokesman said: "There were two vehicle-borne explosions within Thiepval barracks. The first was in a car park close to the administration building manned mainly by civilian staff. The second appears to have been designed to catch casualties being taken to the medical centre which was badly damaged." An eight-vear-old girl was

whom were said to be serious. The bombs, with an estimated 250 to 500 kilos of explosives. were driven through the main entrance.
A nearby hospital neurone

A hearby hospital neurone unit which looks after several to the blast or the blast.

The blasts were clearly heard at the Maze prison three miles away, where loyalist leaders met UDA and UFF prisoners.

They have withdrawn their support for the peace process and their UVF counterparts were expected to follow suit. although according to senior

lly mean an immediate end to the loyalist ceasefire. But a senior figure said last

night that the first attack by republicans on a military tar-get in Northern Ireland in get in Northern Ireland in more than two years would inevitably provoke retaliation. "IRA or whoever, it would be fantasy to think that loyalists could or would be prepared to sit idly by," the source said.

demned the bombing as "wicked beyond belief" and "barbaric". The action in planting two bombs was "un-

Mr Major sald it was not yet known who was responsible for the attack, but added: "If it was Provisional IRA, then

clearly it is a very serious de-velopment indeed. "If anybody thinks, whether it is a splinter group or the Provisional IRA, that they can bomb the British government out of the policy stance they think is right for Northern Ireland they are making a very serious and fundamental mistake."

described the bomb attack as "an act of appalling unpro-

down said it was "a very grave day for Northern Ireand and the peace process."

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, appealed to loyalist paramilitaries "not to join the IRA in their wickedness" saying that they had occupied the moral high ground by maintaining their

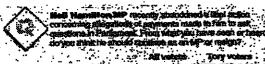
He asked of the Prime Minister. "How much more evidence do you need that the IRA ceasefire is over, and how long will it be before there's an adequate security

curity forces' recent successes against the IRA on the

Two weeks ago, the Metro-politan Police arrested five IRA suspects and shot dead one man in dawn raids in west London and West Sussex. Police also recovered a massive haul of arms — including 10 tonnes of home made explosives they said would probably have been used within days in massive lorry bomb

### **TORIES IN TURMOIL**

# Hamilton must step down now, say voters



Martin Kettle

EIL Hamilton, the Tory MP at vative Party conference.

The results will embarrass Tory leaders facing a difficult week dealing with allegations of sleaze and divisions over Europe.

on the parliamentary

Don't Knows.

Even more damagingly for Mr Hamilton, a majority of Conservative voters, 48 per cent, believe he should quit, compared with turn to page 2, col 1

Tories in Bournemouth, page 5; Leader comment and letters, page 8; Hugo Young and Vernon Bogdanor, page 9



the centre of the cash-for-quesresign from Parliament, says a new Guardian/ICM eve of this week's Conser-

An overwhelming major-ity of voters believe it fence for MPs not to dis-close their outside income

register. The poll also shows Labour has increased its lead over the Conservatives for the second month running to 18 points on the adjusted figures, compared 15 points in

September. John Major's handling of the sleaze crisis has not been tough enough, voters believe, and there is overwhelming public support for the source and size of all donations to political parties to be disclosed.

The mood among Conservative voters is almost as critical as the mood among the electorate as a whole, the poll reveals, leaving Mr Major with an uphill task as he tries to extricate his party from the sleaze allegations at Bournemouth this week.

In the poll, which was taken over the past week-end, voters were asked whether Mr Hamilton, the Conservative MP for Tat-ton, should stay or go. Nearly two thirds of all voters, 62 per cent, think he should resign, with only 22 per cent who think he should continue as an MP. A further 16 per cent were



# backing Tories at polls

■HE Conservative Party was last night em-broiled in a fresh eve-ofconference row over its stance on Europe, after the former leadership contender, John Redwood, apparently refused to endorse his own party in the forthcoming gen-

eral election. In an interview with BBC 1's Panorama, broadcast last night, Mr Redwood visibly hesitated when asked whether voters wanting a referendum on the single currency should vote Tory or for Sir James Goldsmith's maver-

ick Referendum Party. He then replied: "Well, I think you have to ask me that nearer the time, when we see what the manifestos are of the major parties and what the views of the different candi-

The remarks infuriated party loyalists and some Euro-sceptics, following the announcement on the same programme by the former party fundraiser. Lord Mc-Alpine, that he had thrown his weight behind Sir James by agreeing to chair the Referendum Party's first

Mr Redwood later protested that his comments had been

Conservative.
John Major, arriving in
Bournemouth for the conference, responded angrily when asked about Mr Redwood's stance. "John Redwood is a Conservative MP. He is making it clear he is working for a Conservative victory at the next election and that is perfectly clear."

When pressed on the pro-gramme as to why he had not simply said "vote Tory", Mr Redwood said: "Of course, I will answer 'Vote for the Conservative Party', but it would be easier to explain why when we have seen the mani-festos and the dispositions of the candidates."

There was further confusion last night in Bournemouth over the resignation of James Cran, the Euro-sceptic MP for Beverley, as unpaid parliamentary private secretary to the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick May-hew. Some Tories claimed it was a protest over Mr Major's European policies. But offi-cials were adamant that Mr spend more time nursing his

constituency.

Europe remains the biggest Conference, page 5

Yerkshire announced:

shock plans to leave

Fleedingley for a

232 million 12

taken out of context, and stressed that throughout the interview he had insisted the only way to avoid a federal Chancellor, Norman Lamont, Europe was by voting will press their case for ruling out British membership of a single currency this side of 2002, convinced that, com-bined with tax cuts, it is an

election winner. Yesterday party officials found themselves forced to discuss whether activists should be expelled for "knocking on doors" for Sir James. It was a matter for local parties they said, after the party chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, had warily stressed that the Tories were 'an inclusive party, not an

exclusive party".
Mr Redwood accused Panorama of going on "a fishing expedition" during a long interview, and of not showing viewers the actual question he had been asked. "My position is clear. I sup-

port Conservative candidates; I work tirelessly in the Con-servative cause," he said in a statement. Labour's chief whip, Don-

ald Dewar, said it was "astonishing" that a recent candi-date for the Tory leadership cials were adamant that Mr Cran had signalled two months ago that he wished to question". It showed how split the party was on Europe.

Obituaries 10 Crossword 15; Weather 16: Radio 16: TV 16

Comment and Letters 8:





"We saved £133 a month just by switching our mortgage. So could you!" and with:

FREE valuation £400 cashback and £315 towards legal fees...

switching your mortgage couldn't be easier! This great offer from a leading Lender is available exclusively through Mortgage Intelligence -Britain's largest independent mortgage brokers, with 400 offices across the UK. To contact your local independent mortgage

broker, call FREE anytime on: **☎** 0800·246·000

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT

**World News** 

peated to have come aut on top in the tirst of his felevised debates with Republican challenger Bob Dole.

Finance

A tallis factory production has hit Government hopes that a booming high street would boost the manufacturing.

state of the art. cricket stadium

Sport





Tee for trouble

🗆 1988: Sylvia Goff was ex-

pelled by Shrewsbury Golf Club after members said they

saw her pick up her ball and move it. She sued the club for

83,000 for the distress caused

by the allegations, claiming other women members did

not like her shorts and

□ President "Tricky Dicky"

thicket. Squeaky-clean Presi-

dent Kennedy used to put op-ponents off by mentioning

water hazards as they were

□ 1994: Dottie Pepper

about to play a shot.

kimpy tops. She lost

# Golf rules handicap adopted son



Unfair ways at Surrey's Burbill golf club, but a member plays on with the row brewing in the clubhouse

that by saing that I don't know the ruling on it.

should be permitted, but

whatever anyone says with-out knowledge of the rules

But rules can, of course,

be altered. Ray Burniston,

Association of Golf Club Sec-retaries, said: "Golf clubs

run their own competitions

and are able to set their own rules, which people must

"I actually have two adopted sons myself and I

personally believe that fam-

ily competitions are for all families, whether they are

is a personal view."

"My personal view, without knowledge of the rules, is that adopted offspring

# and son from family contest

Sarah Boseley

T IS hard to believe that even the bounders who get their comeuppance in the pages of P.G. Wodehouse could have dreamed up such a wheeze. A mother and son have been banned from a family foursomes golf tournament in Surrey because the boy

Audrey Briggs, a former Welsh ladies champion, and Laurie, whom she brought from Brazil when open only to mothers and he was three months old. fathers with natural sons

third round. Then some-body --- he or she is lying - complained that Laurie's origins were in breach of the rules.

the Burbill golf club, near

Walton on Thames.
"Regrettably, I have to inform you that the conditions of entry to this compe-tition demand that it is you will see that step- secretary is away until sonally think, adopted or Cambridge University's first children are not permitted Monday week," he repeated nor, a son is a son. I think it team, was made an honorary and it is my error that adopted children did not feature on the form; this will be corrected for next

Mrs Briggs wrote to pro-

test. In a further letter, the club captain replied: "Your disappointment touches me greatly but this event has always operated with the qualification that family pairs must be blood relations. I know that this can be hard to accept in cir-

golf and spent his summer holiday reducing his handicap to 15. "I am very upset

cap to 15. "I am very upset about the whole thing and we are hoping that the club will change their minds," said Mrs Briggs.

Down at the clubhouse, the barman, charged with answering the phone, or the barman the phone, or think it's disgusting. It is allowed they are step-families or adopted. "Burbill is a good club, but I hope that they clarify their rules, as it seems that they caused Mrs Briggs and Laurie considerable discomfort."

| adopted. On the entry form | seemed a little tense. "The | divided," he said. "I pertime and again. 'else can comment."

A large mahogany board bore the name of winners of the Family Foursome — a national competition for mother and son or husband and daughter pairs — since 1937. There they were, down the ages — 1963, G.A. Rowan-Robinson and Miss Pooh Rowan-Robinson, last Warner. Not an adopted or

stepchild anywhere. Mrs Briggs, who lives with her fellow champion golfer husband, also called Laurie. in Cheshire, received a letter from Dick Richards, the secretary of shares their passion for bearing the company of the Public Process and the attitude to their 13-year-old son, a talented sportsman who shares their passion for pace. 'Tm sorry, there's no pace in the company of the partial process." comment," said one in a

fruity accent. "I think it's disgusting.

sbocked and horrified golfers around the world when she punched the air, shouting Yes!" when her opponent, Laura Davies, missed a 10ft putt in the Solheim Cup, West Virginia. Last month, two years later, professionals were still discussing it.

☐ The Royal and Ancient, have any. The president of the United States Golf Association has always been made a member -- until this year, when the office was held by Judy Bell. Flona Macdonald man so she could participate alongside her team mates in the President's Putter

□ When the US Open was held in San Francisco in 1987, the Olympic Club excluded blacks. Integration was only achieved after a city councillor discovered that three holes were on public prop-erty. The membership were given a choice: play an outstanding 15-hole course or change their by-laws.

# **Palestinians** deny blasts

**Anti-Arafat** 

Crime Correspond

class, educated Palestegrated into Knglish society were responsible for bomb attacks on the Israeli embassy and a Jewish organi an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. They believed President Arafat was mis-guided in his attempts to deal

with the Israeli government, the court heard.

The embassy bomb had ex-ploded shortly after noon on July 26 1994, David Calvert-Smith, prosecuting, told the court. It had caused an estimated £5 million damage.
"Astonishingly, but happily,
no one was dead," he said. That afternoon, letters were posted to two Arab news papers based in London and the London office of the Pales tine Liberation Organisation

The letters, from the Pales tine Resistance Jaffa Group Palestine, claimed respons bility for the bomb aimed at the "Zionist enemy" and one which was to take place later that night\_ Shortly after midnight, the second bomb exploded out-

🗆 1994: Two members of Sherwood Forest Golf Club were found not guilty of libel side Balfour House, home of the Jewish Philanthropic ber, John Buckingham, of dropping a golf ball down his Organisation for Israel and the Middle Bast, based in Finchley, north London. trouser leg during a Three young occupants of a passing car were lucky to

Nixon was once caught throwing his ball out of a Ms Samar Alami, aged 30, of South Kensington, London; Bloomsbury, London; and Mahmoud Abu-Wardeh, aged 25, of Putney, south London all plead not guilty to conspir-ing to cause explosions. They also deny possession of an explosive substance and fire-arms. Nadia Zekra, aged 48, married with two children, from Kensington, west London, is pleading not guilty to causing an explosion at the

"All the defendants are of Palestinian origin. All are well, even completely, integrated into English society golf's ruling body, has no and into the middle or upper-women members or plans to middle class," said Mr Cal-

systems in which they gains knowledge, the Crown alleges, that helped them create the bombs.

"All believed that Mr now President - Arrist was misguided in his attempts to with the Israeli government and wished to hinder the process if at all possible. It may be no coincidence that bombs were set off the day after Mr Rabin and King Has Washington Declaration paving the way for peace between

their two countries." The woman who plante the bomb, whom the Crown claim is Mrs Zekra, was spot-ted by a diplomatic protection officer, PC Ian Duncan, parking an Audi car on Palace

When the officer proached her, she told him she had a present for some one. She had a Harrods bag and a "present-type" bag and said she had been asked to return in five minutes. She offered to leave the car keys with him. Within 10 minutes, the car exploded.

Botmeh, a Leicester University electrical engineering grad-Leicester, was linked to the purchase of the cars used in

Ms Alami, who holds Bach elor and Masters degrees in chemical engineering, had a Jews at the address she shared with her twin sister and parents. The flat also allegedly contained a plan similar to the area round Balfour about terrorist incidents. Ms Alami said she had nothing to

Abu Wardeh had allegedly refused to answer questions when arrested. Names of the editors of Arabic newspapers who received letters about the bombs were allegedly found

Mr Calvert-Smith also claimed that a terrorist safe deposit unit at Acton. It was, he suggested, linked to Ms Alami, Mr Botmeh and Mr



The Israeli embassy after the bomb attack in July 1994

### were going great guns. and daughters and, as I storming through to the understand it, Laurie is

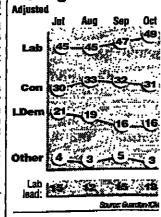
40 per cent who think he should stay. Mr Hamilton had a majority of 15,860 over Labour at the 1992 general election, but the loss of his seat would wipe out the Government's majority of one at Westminster.

The public verdict on Mr Major's handling of the crisis is nearly as harsh. Fifty-four per cent of the electorate think his handling, which he vigorously defended in a BBC interview with Sir David Frost at the weekend, was not tough enough. Two out of five Conservative voters agree. Only a third of the electorate as a whole and 52 per cent of Tory voters think Mr Major's handling was "about fair" There is overwhelming

public support for measures which would greatly tighten the existing system of pay-ments to political parties and MPs. A large majority - 72 per cent compared with 24 per cent who disagree — think it should now be a criminal offence for an MP not to disclose outside income in the Register of MPs' Interests. Even Conservative voters support this proposal by nearly two to one.

There is also overwhelming agreement --- by 90 per cent to 8 per cent among voters as a whole — that political parties should be legally obliged to reveal the sources and amounts they receive from





comfort, however, from the finding that the public believes MPs of all parties are being paid by lobbyists, and

not Conservatives alone. Asked which groups of MPs they thought were mainly being paid by lobbyists, 67 per cent of respondents said MPs of all parties, compared with 23 per cent who said "mainly Conservative MPs" and 2 per cent who said "mainly Labour MPs".

An even higher proportion of Tory voters — 77 per cent — think MPs of all parties are mainly involved, and 59 per cent of Labour voters agree. On voting intentions, the monthly adjusted ratings are: have been weighted to the Labour 49 per cent (up 2 profile of all adults



points from September), Conservatives 31 (down 1), Liberal Democrats 16 (no change) and others 3 (down 2). These figures would give Labour a majority of 191 Commons

seats at a general election.

The monthly unadjusted ratings are: Labour 54 per cent (up 3). Conservatives 27 (down 1), Liberal Democrats 15 (no change), and others 3 (down 2). The unadjusted Labour lead for October is 27

points (up 4 points). ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults aged 18 and over by telephone between 4 and 5 October. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results

# Hamilton 'must resign' | End persecution, says Fergie's dad

AJUK RUMANU 10-5-son, the father of the Duchess of York, said terday that it was time to end the "vicious persecution" of his daughter after reports her £5 million to go into exile. After a week which has seen the duchess receive a battering from the tabloid newspapers, including the publication of transcripts of taped telephone conversations with her former psychic Madame Vasso, Major Ferguson said the constant harrying of his daughter was be-

AJOR Ronald Fergu-

"All I would like to do now is to plead for clemency, to allow her to pick up the pieces to carry on with her ife and to be left alone and no longer persecuted — because this is victous persecution," he said.

anyone would be with all this going on.
"She is very worried about what effect it might have on the children because they are at school and at the age when

"She is extremely tired, as

schoolchildren do say things o each other. "And, of course, she is low, as anybody would be, but Sarah is strong."

Yesterday the Sun news-paper reported that the Queen had offered the duchess £5 million to pay off her debts, Prince Andrew to have custo-dy of their two daughters, Princess Beatrice, aged eight, and Princess Eugenie, aged

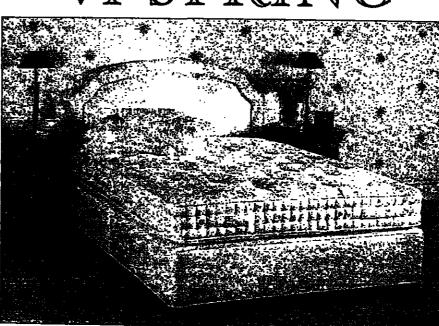
At the weekend it was reported that Princess Marga-ret had sent a letter to the duchess saying she had done "more to bring shame on the family than could ever have been imagined". A few days earlier the Daily Mirror published transcripts of the duchess's conversations with Madame Vasso in which she talks frankly about her sex life and admits that she would like to see the royal family

Major Ferguson, speaking from his Hampshire home, said: "What happened in the past, happened in the past. She has got to be allowed now to get on with her present life. a mother with two children and a day-to-day normal life, and no more of this ridiculous

He said the duchess would never agree to giving up her children. Buckingham Palace said the reports of the £5 million

werę

# VI-SPRING



# **UPGRADE TO A SUPREME VI-SPRING BED AT NO EXTRA COST**

LVi-Spring has a unique proposition for you. On new orders placed up to 11th November you can buy a SUPREME version of the BARDNET, HERALD, REGAL or TIARA for the standard model price. VI-Spring St PREME beds represent the ultimate in luxury and comfort and are hand made to a higher specification than any other beds. Using the unique Vi-Spring hand pocketed spring system each tensioned steel spring works independently to rest thoroughly every part of the hody.

F F YOU ARE THINKING OF BUYING A new bed,

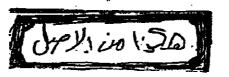
For decades, Vi-Spring beds have been the benchmark of quality throughout the bed industry. The SUPREME versions of these beds are made to even higher specifications. The HERALD SCPREME'S uphoistery for example has the addition of natural curled bair for added comfort. In partnership with specialist retailers. Vi-Spring is funding this remarkable offer which adds up to substantial savings. Simply cut out the voucher and take it to one of the participating specialists and make the

**UPGRADE** OFFER

VALID UNTIL

FOR A FULL PARTICIPATING STOCKIST LIST PLEASE CALL FREEPHONE 0800 592952 (NORMAL OFFICE HOURS)

OFFER APPLIES ONLY AT POINT OF PURCHASE TO NEW BEDS ORDERED BETWEEN UTIL SEPTEMBER AND LITH NOVEMBER 1996 FROM PARTICIPATING STOCKISTS



ALLA GIBCOALLE

\* Therese A special rete

national trade turnover and ! MetroCentre, in that order, i

RESELECT.

MET 4-37 0-343-1

\*\*\*

# **Beckett** poem throws light on dark period

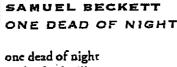
Dan Glaister on a literary discovery

A N unpublished poem by Samuel Beckett, unearfhed in a leather-bound notebook, is to be published to coincide with National Poetry Day on Thursday. The short poem, One Dead Of Night, was written in 1977, 12

years before he died.
"It struck me as a poem
that should be published." said James Knowlson, who revealed the existence of the poem when researching his recently published biography, Damned To Fame: The Life of Samuel Beckett. 'It is certainly good enough It's a lovely little evocation, which is very

Beckett, according to Mr Knowlson, wrote numerous short poems, called Mirli-tonnades in 1977 and 1978,

stabilised. ett's literary interests at the poem may have been the time, when he was rediscovering many classic texts including Shake-



in the dead still he looked up from his book

from that dark to pore on other dark

till afar taper faint

the eyes in the dead still

cill afar his book as by a hand not his a hand on his faintly closed

for good or ill

for good and ill A CONTRACTOR

Samuel Beckett (top) and the poem and carictature in Poetry Review PHOTOGRAPH: NOBBY CLARKE

In an extract from Mr

Knowlson's biography. reprinted in the Poetry Review, he says that the poems' brevity and apparent playfulness do not detract

'Although they have been largely ignored by critics writing about Becktonnades in 1977 and 1978, describing them as "gloomy French doggerel". At the time he was ill with an enlarged prostate, although the condition had stabilised.

speare and Dante. "He was television plays. "Beckett going back to a lot of the old chestnuts," said Mr Knowlson yesterday.

Mr. Who live the Beckett estate, said of the "He liked to give scraps of paper to people." While Mr Lindon has sug-

gested that the poem fore-tells Beckett's 1982 work Nacht und Träume, Mr from their Knowlson points to other possibilities. "Several texts came out of this, possibly including Stirrings Still and Ohio Impromptu." he said. "I can only surmise that by the time it came to publish the anthology, he felt that elements of the poem had been used for

other works." Mr Lindon suggested that

Beckett, but not all of them are on the same level. That suppose he never considered it important enough,"

Beckett, who once worked as a secretary to-James Joyce, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969 and was hailed as the person who brought eye. His best-known work. Waiting For Godot, was famously described as the play in which nothing happens twice.

His plays have been seen

both as Christian allegories and nihilistic parables. Beckett himself always



A special retail index, published last June, gave the latest national trading ratings. The top four locations, judged by turnover and by profitability per square foot, were MetroCentre, Meadowhall, Lakeside and Merry Hill, in that order. Oxford Street was down at No 11. Paul Barker on why the future is mall-shaped

**G2** cover story

Moscow urges caution but hints at possibility of more flexible stance

# Nato expansion may sink arms pacts, Lebed warns

John Palmer in Brussels

USSIA'S security chief, Alexander Lebed, warned Nato yesterday that arms control agreements with Mos-cow might be threatened if the alliance opened its door to new members in central Europe too quickly.

Speaking to Nato ambassa-dors in Brussels, General Lebed suggested that Russia should be given a legally binding partnership agree-ment with the alliance, giving it a direct say in the timing of any expansion. His presentation of Russian

policy contained both warnings of a possible rupture in post-cold war co-operation — including non-implementa-tion of the Start-II treaty and hints that a more flexible stance might be possible in Moscow.
"It is Nato's business what

Nato decides. Whatever Nato does, Russia is not going to go into hysterics." Gen Lebed told a press conference last night. But he counselled caution over the pace of enlarge-ment, saying: "The main thing is not to hurry or you may trip up."

During day-long meetings at Nato headquarters, he said he personally believed that expansion posed no security

threat. But cold war attitudes and suspicions still influ-

nced Russian public opinion. The Russian parliament believed Nato was rushing ahead too quickly. Deputies might reject future arms control agreements and even re-fuse to ratify existing agree-ments, such as those reducing strategic nuclear and chemical weapons. "It will not be possible to have the Start-II treaty. We are also worried about all the other treaties,"

he warned. Several times in the discussions Gen Lebed, who was wearing a smart civilian suit, pointed out that "Russia is half of all of Europe". Referring to Nato's plan to approve the start of enlargement negotiations with the first central European countries next year, he insisted: "Every step must be calculated. Take

stock, take stock and take stock again.
"I have not changed my opinion about Nato expansion and Russian security." he ann Russian Setting, he told journalists. "But I proposed today to put off this question ... and let the next generation, which is less scarred by the attitudes of the cold war, decide."

At a dinner for Gen Lebed last night, Nato ambassadors were inquiring whether Russia's objections to enlarge-



Alexander Lebed: 'Start-II treaty will not be possible'

and the need for a prior agree-ment between Moscow and Nato on the joint management of European security

Nato's secretary-general Javier Solana, told journalsts: "We have had a very civilised and very rational discussion and we have both agreed that we must continue to talk through these differ-

ences of view. Both Mr Solana and Nato diplomats insisted last night that Gen Lebed had not adopted a threatening tone or mer, to which President Yelt-

his part. Mr Solana asked Moscow for the same right of prior consulation about its policy as Nato had offered Russia. He suggested the appointment of a Nato military officer to liaise with Russian defence staff, to match the presence of a Rus-sian general at Nato's military

Nato diplomats were clearly uncertain how to weigh up Gen Lebed's low-key presentation, and apparent acceptance that enlargement was no real threat to Moscow, with his explicit warning of an anti-western popular reac-tion in Russia itself. Nor did he spell out in any detail what kind of legally binding partnership agreement Moscow wanted with Nato before it

could accept enlargement.
Senior Nato sources last night ruled out any reconsideration of the principle of enlargement or the likely start of negotiations with the Czech Republic, Hungary. Poland, and probably Slove-nia, on their membership applications next year. fronts in tandem: the refocus-ing of Nato's role in the world, our relationship with one diplomat said, "Hopefully we can decide all these in the summit planned next sum

# Company starts worldwide chase for \$1,000,000,000,000 worth of debt

ANKS and the tax authorities soon give up the ghost. It's simply too difficult to trace the money they are owed, and nigh on impossible to get it back if they do. So step forward Marin Kenney, president of

In the old days, Mr Kenney would be a 6ft bruiser who could, as they say, handle himself. He might pop round for what was called a friendly chat. For Mr Kenney is a debt

But as criminals get more sophisticated, so do those seeking to regain their ille-

getting \$1 trillion of drug money, missing tax payments and the proceeds of fraud stashed in offshore accounts around the globe. That's £640 billion.

The company's scheme is simple: pay the organisation which lost out a fraction of the debt and take it over. It will then chase the debtor via all legal means. It believes it is the world's first global debt

sconders will be hit without warning by simultaneous court action in different jurisdictions to freeze their assets and disgorge the money they owe. Mr Kenney said: "The

offshore deposits, half — about £320 billion — represent either drug money or the proceeds of tax evasion. The remainder is the proceeds of serious fraud, economic crime or deliberate refusal to pay legitimate debts. Mr Kenney's figures are based on calculations by the US central bank, the Federal Reserve.

Favourite offshore loca tions included Panama, the British West Indies Gibraltar, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Mauritius. A side effect of Interclaim's courtroom activities could be a weakening of bank secrecy laws in many of these havens

to pursue the modern international swindler. They prefer to write off bad debts. Tough banking rules in developed countries such as Britain actually encourage this approach, said Mr Kenney, forcing banks to declare bad loans

as soon as possible.
Interclaim, he said, will buy up hundreds of millions of dollars of bad loans for between 1/2 per cent and 6 per cent of their face value, and in some cases will work with the creditor on a 50-50 basis. Given that many fraudsters

and swindlers publicly plead poverty, Interclaim expects them to settle quickly and

# Model freed from Indian jail to campaign against drugs

Vivek Chaudhary

MODEL who served two years in an Indian jail for possession of drugs said yes-terday that she now plans to

campaign against drugs and take up social work. Samantha Slater, aged 25, social work, esp who was released last week drug campaigns."

culturally and spiritually. She added: "I began to read a variety of subjects, includ-

a variety of subjects, including religion and spiritualism. It don't think I have lost anything [in life]. I want to do social work, especially anti-years and is still in jail.

her bra while on a motorbike tour of southern India with her boyfriend. She was sen-

Ms Slater said it would be skin curry and rice.

from Trissur prison in the southern state of Kerala, said ary 1994 for carrying two prison had transformed her ounces of cannabis resin in Malayalm and taught English

to the inmates. "I turned vegetarian in jail and intend to remain one." She added that her regular meal in prison was banana

# You're far too busy to worry about a pension

We know, we know. Things just get in the way. What with work, the kids, or life in general, a pension plan is just one of those things you always mean to sort out, but never do.

We understand. Call Colonial Direct today and we'll offer you a personal pension plan to help make your future secure, quickly and simply over the phone.

There's no hard sell, just comprehensive, friendly advice from somebody who knows what they're talking about: your

What's more, our plan is linked to award-winning funds offering excellent performance over 10 years\*.

So call Colonial Direct today. Because there are better things to worry about than your pension.

# So call us now



Give us a call FREE on

Lines open Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm

\*Source: Micropal. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The value of investments can go down as well as up, and is not guaranteed. Colonial Direct represents the Colonial Mutual Marketing Group which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and is bound by its rules. We can advise you only on Colonials products. Persion plans are provided by The Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited. Pull written details are available from the address below. For your added security all telephone calls will be recorded and the recording kept secure.

Colonial Direct, Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY.

Majo

Series of defeats on the mainland prompt desire for coup on home ground to sustain propaganda image of an undefeatable force

# IRA bombers return to old targets

David Sharrock

HE twin blasts which rocked the nerve centre of the British Army in Northern Ireland | throughout the IRA. vesterday were a stunning was widely assumed to be the

Although the Provisionals had not claimed the attack last night, it was obvious to the security establishments and politicians that they were responsible. No other paramilitary organisation has the resources, knowledge, disci-pline and ability to detonate two large bombs in what is supposed to be a tightly restricted area.

The fact that the first blast was followed by a smaller explosion at a site that the bombers knew would be used as an evacuation point lits a long-established IRA pattern of maximising the carnage and confusion at an attack

The question left to be answered therefore is why now: why take the campaign of violence back into North ern Ireland? In spite of the that its ceasefire was over. and the series of attacks planned by its Dublin-based England department, a de facto ceasefire has held, if precariously, in Ulster.

But the England campaign has been marked by a series of catastrophic defeats, including the loss of a volunteer in an own-goal explosion, premature detonations, bombs failing to go off and the arrest of active service unit

If the IRA's intention had been to prosecute its war in England alone and avoid returning Northern Ireland to its former misery, then these setbacks have probably shown that strategy to be unsustainable.

The IRA needs propaganda victories to maintain its selfimage as an undefeated and undefeatable army, an army which voluntarily stood down to give its politicians a chance to achieve what it has years: remove Britain from Ireland.

That image has taken a hammering in recent months, a fact that has not gone unno-ticed by much smaller but no less ambitious Irish Republican organisations. Yesterday's audacious bombings will have restored morale

By capturing the headlines on the eve of the Conservative Party conference it is sending a message similar to that conveyed by the City of London bombings which began when John Major became Prime Minister.

restored at a terrible cost and one which, for seven months at least, the IRA leadership seemed determined to avoid baving to pay.

Now, as sure as night fol-lows day, the loyalist paramilitaries will be forced to respond, so that they in turn can demonstrate that they are still prepared to match the IRA "blow for blow" and

The IRA's morale will have been restored at a terrible cost'

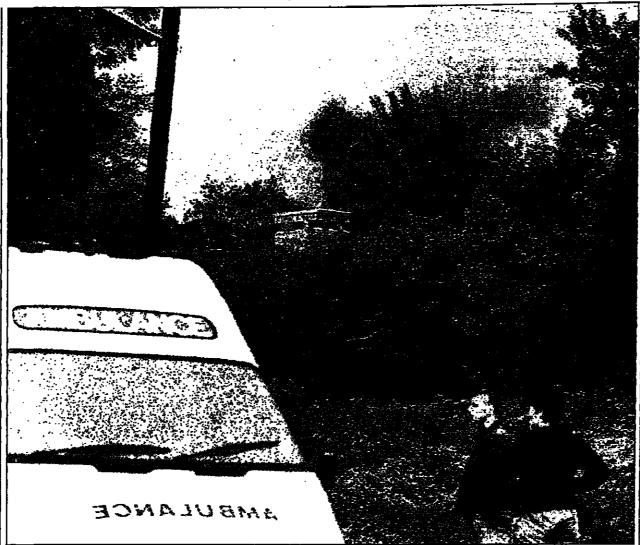
even, if necessary, surpass it in brutality and horror.

Gary McMichael, leader of the Loyalist Ulster Democratic Party and a councillor in Lisburn, said last night This is obviously a republican attack from some quarter. This gives me very great con-cern about what the repercus-

"Lovalists will be looking at this very closely - it signiies that republicans are not intent on finding a demo cratic settlement.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, urged loyal-ists paramilitaries not to be goaded into retaliating. It was not in their interests to go back to violence. He added that they had shown remark able restraint when the cease fire broke and when bomb attacks took place.

"I think they have the disci-pline to maintain their ceasefire," he said. "They certainly inherit the high moral ground if they do."



An ambulance near the scene of yesterday's bomb blasts at Thiepval barracks in Northern Ireland

It was the nerve centre of the army's operations in Northern Ireland, yet it was penetrated by terrorists with little ado

David Fairhail Defence Correspondent

ISBURN'S Thiepval bar racks, 10 miles outside Belfast are the nerve centre of military operations in Northern Ireland. Until yesterday afternoon, they were also regarded as one of the most

secure bases in the United Kingdom, surrounded by security fencing and approached by road only a series

checkpoints They contain the headquarters of the army commander, Gulf veteran Lt Gen Sir

Belfast area, packed into the | park to the barracks medical compound with their associated signals and transport

Security sources initially assumed that the camp must have been the target of mortar bombs fired from outside the perimeter fence. Later a spokesman conceded that two vehicle bombs had exploded inside the camp. The first explosion, at

L35pm, was in a car park several hundred yards from the main entrance where vehicles are supposed to be checked... The second blast, about five Rupert Smith, and of 39 Infan-try Brigade, which covers the route leading from the car

Buildings were extensively damaged in the attack, according to army sources, inthe garrison church, and the Naafi store. cluding a children's nursery The blasts were heard mor

than five miles away. Whatever its political impact, Gen Smith will be ap-palled that terrorists should be able to strike so close to the heart of the military establishment in Northern Ireland, and with devices against which routine

searches should have pro-vided protection.

# 'Kiss goodbye to ceasefire' after barracks blasts

David Sharrock

hears the sound of peace fading away in Northern Ireland

HK sound of peace ebbing away shattered the quiet of the suburbs terday in the blast at the very heart of the British Army's headquarters in Northern Ireland

At 4.35pm the streets of Lisburn, Co Antrim, were full of schoolchildren heading home in a drizzle. In the town's courthouse an IRA informer who once worked for the Royal Ulster Constabulary was seeking com-pensation for his injuries. They are a very professional organisation." he was telling the judge as the ourt was rocked by a bari-

People ran from the ouilding, catching sight instantly of a vast plume of black smoke rising above the town. "It's Thiepval barracks," said a detective. You can say goodbye to

The rush hour continued to grow, seemingly oblivious of the blast further up the hill at Thiepval, where around 3,000 people live and work, among them the cream of the army's intelligence gathering forces.

At the front gate there was pandemonium, a clear

sign that no warning had been given. Two squaddies were trying to sort out who was allowed in and out. "Blue lights flashing only," sergeant barked at them. Seconds later the second bomb went off. The explosion seemed to come from just behind the perinent vehicle checkpoint but on our town."

and felt like a hand pushing us gently to the ground. The squaddie screamed:
"Get down!" as about a dozen soldiers and civilians scattered in several direc-tions just inside the gate.

That was 15 minutes after the first blast — apparently a cynical attempt to kill and main those inside the base as they tried to flee through the main gate.
Only a few ambulances had arrived at this stage,

their way hampered by scores of baffled children wearing the black blazer of Wallace High School. Christopher Finlay was playing rugby on a pitch adjoining the perimeter fence of Thiepval when the first bomb went off.

"We just saw the smoke go up and then we heard the blast and then there was debris coming down on us on the pitch. Small pieces of metal." the 18year-old-said.

silence and then lots of shouting from inside the base. We all just ran". An army officer dressed in civvies was doing his from the base. He was aghast at the security: have slackened off. It's the biggest camp in Northern Ireland. You just can't

this should have happened," he said.
"Theipval is a village," said a local man. "It's got shops, housing for married soldiers, even its own bowling alley. There's at least 400 people from the town working in there and right now we've no idea if our wives, brothers or families are safe. This is an attack not just on the British army

check every car going in. But it's scandalous that

# Drug police hold Irish murder suspect

Man linked to killing of journalist held at airport with £300.000 cash

Maggie O'Kane

MAN who has de scribed himself as a suspect in the murder of the Irish inves tigative journalist. Veronica Guerin, was last night being questioned by police at Heathrow in connection with offences under the Drugs Traf-

John Gilligan, aged 44, was stopped by Customs officers gan. He is being questioned as he was about to board a by West Yorkshire police in

plane for Amsterdam with £300,000 in cash. He has denied involvement in drug trafficking or in the murder of Ms Guerin.

The money was in Irish punts, dutch gilders and ster-ling. Garda officers from the Criminal Assets Bureau in Dublin are helping the British police enquiries. A second Irishman, 47-year

old Michael Cunningham, was detained with Mr Gilli-

connection with armed robberies carried out in Britain in the early eighties. Mr Cunningham was

eleased from prison earlier this year after serving 10 years of a 14-year sentence for the kidnapping of the heiress, Jennifer Guinness, who was held for seven days in 1985 when her kidnappers demanded a £2 million ransom Mr Gilligan, known in Ireland as the Warehouse Man, has always denied that he was involved in the murder of the 36-year-old reporter, gunned down at a traffic lights by two men on a motorbike in June when they pulled alongside her sports car. He has never

| been questioned by Irish | about his alleged criminal ac- | and another Irish criminal police about the murder but police in Britain are expected to question him about her

Mr Gilligan is one of several Irish criminals being investigated by Irish police in connection with the murder. The shooting happened the day after Mr Gilligan appeared in court on charges of ssaulting Ms Guerin at his £2 million stud farm outside Dublin. Mr Gilligan, who claims to have made his £15 million fortune through gam-bling, was said to have attacked Ms Guerin when she called to the backdoor of his stud farm to question him

tivities. She was badly beaten and given a black eye. The assault charge was dropped

after her death. Her murder is thought to be directly related to her work exposing the Irish criminal underclass, which led to a number of attacks on her and her home. In 1995 she was shot in the leg as a warning and on another occassion shots were fired into her study. Mr Gilligan was also reported to have threatened her six-year-old son. Ms Guerin continued her

work despite the threats. After her murder, the spotlight focused on Mr Gilligan whom she had investigated, known as the Coach.

Mr Gilligan has admitted to personal fortune of £15 million but says he earned the money gambling. The British authorities are trying to establish his move-

ments over the last few days. But it is thought likely that he travelled from Amsterdam to London for a pre arranged meeting with Mr Cunning-ham. Mr Cunnigham's brother John, who also got 17 years for the Guinness kidnapping, has been on the run since last month when he absconded from an open prison in Ireland.

The trial continues.

Graffiti artist freed

### News in brief

# Boy, 6, 'suffered catalogue of cruelty'

RIKKI NEAVE, aged six, was subjected to a catalogue of cruelty by his mother, Ruth, and her estranged husband, Dean Neave. before his death, Northampton crown court heard yesterlay. Jurors were told that Rikki was punched, kicked, lifted

into the air by his throat, thrown upstairs and dangled from a bridge by his ankles. Mrs Neave, 28, denies Rikki's murder. Christine Seaborne told how she had once seen Rikki being dangled from a bridge in March, Cambridgeshire, by Mrs Neave. And Neil Tatlow, a neighbour on the estate, said he had once seen Mrs Neave kicking Rikki. "As they crossed the road Rikki fell over and she started kicking him . . . around the legs .. as if she was kicking a football."

A pathologist demonstrated to the jury how he believed Rikki

was strangled to death with his own anorak.

THE graffiti artist whose five-year jail sentence was cut to two years last week was freed yesterday after winning a further

reduction in his term. Simon Sunderland, 23, of Sheffield, was released after the Appeal Court ruled that his original sentence included punishment for crimes which he had technically not

# 'Unknown dangers' faced drowned youngsters



Tom Loughlin

THE drowning of Jodi and Tom Loughlin, aged six and four, off the Norfolk coast two months ago demonstrated dangers that were probably unknown to the many visitors to East Anglia, the Norfolk coroner said yesterday at the inquest in Norwich.
The brother and sister, who

disappeared from a beach near Hunstanton, were swept to their deaths by an inviting but cruelly unpredictable sea, said William Armstrong, recording a verdict of misadventure.

Mr Armstrong said the chil-

dren, from Upper Norwood, south London, had been "un-happily left" for a few min-utes by their parents, Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton on the second day of a holiday at Holme-next-the-Sea. "I make no comment about that. It would be unnec-essary and unhelpful to do

Mr Loughlin told the inquest that both children had been anxious to get to the water. Tom had already run toward the sea as the family settled on the beach and Jodi had followed him. Mr Loughlin said he and his partner relaxed for four or five minites before Ms Thornton went

As they were about to raise the alarm, Mr Loughlin spotted two tiny figures in the distance and set off after them. By the time he discovered were not his children, another 30 minutes had elapsed. It was nearly two hours after their arrival on the beach before the alarm

A statement from former North West Norfolk MP, Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, told how he and his wife arrived on the beach at about the same time as the two children. The tide had turned and was running in ]

was raised.

Clare Longrigg

They spent at least an hour searching the beach, believing the children had got lost. warning to his wife as she strong that he had to shout a

swam. Coastguard David Thiel said the seabed where the children disappeared was un-dulating with channels and sandbars. It was probable that the children, both non-swim-mers, had got out of their depth and been carried away in the strong current. The bodies of both children

were found washed up more than 30 miles away. Their parents said in a statement that they hoped people would realise the dan-gers of the British coastline and that warning signs would be erected.



Jodi Loughlin

# Mr Justice Rougier imposed a new sentence of 21 months for 14 charges of criminal damage which Sunderland had admitted. The 30 offences which had been taken into account in error were

**BR fined for crash** 

BRITISH Rail was yesterday fined £213,000 for a London rail crash after being found guilty on two counts of putting passengers and

BR was found guilty at Snaresbrook crown court, after a train carrying 17 passengers crashed into the back of an empty train at Wood Street station on the Chingford to Liverpool Street line last

The crash, which resulted from faulty signalling, was almost a replica of the Clapham disaster, for which BR was fined £250,000.

## Holiday couple 'left infants'

WARRINGTON barmaid Diane Bogg, 31, and her boyfriend, Robert Pattinson, 29, who allegedly went on a 10-day trip to Spain and left her daughter, four, and her one-year old son with virtual strangers, have been charged with neglecting the children, Cheshire police said yesterday. The man has also been charged with neglecting a dog.

# **Mandy Allwood goes home**

Mandy Allwood, who lost eight babies last week, was last night allowed home from King's College Hospital, south London. She was said have made a good recovery despite being distraught at

The 31-year-old divorces, from Solibull, West Midlands, spent the last week in hospital after losing the first of eight babies.

# Footballer on brawl charge

England under 21 footballer Lee Bowyer was yesterday charged with violent disorder after an early morning brawl at a fast-food restaurant last week, police said. The 19-year-old Leeds United player will appear at Thames magisfrates court on November 11, with two others — Benjamin Bonnici, unemployed, and John Nwikpo, a special needs assistant, both 19, of Poplar, east London.

# Ministers fear delay to care plan for elderly | Measures against child sex abuse 'inadequate'

Martin Linton

GOVERNMENT business managers acknowledged yesterday they may not have time before the election to push through their votecatching legislation to protect elderly people in nursing homes against having to sell their houses.

They had planned it to be the centrepiece of the final legislative programme in the Queen's Speech this month and for it to reach the statute book well before a spring

But they now admit the rash of objections to the "partnership" scheme outlined in the white paper in May will force them into a second round of consultation. | ing them to keep a £56,000 | years

elled scheme, the elderly can insure themselves against having to use up their assets to pay nursing home bills and protect their inheritance to their children.

The scheme was flagged by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancel-lor, in his last Budget as the Government's response to the community care "crisis". Another bonus was doubling from £8,000 to £16,000 the level of assets the elderly are allowed to have when they start to qualify for social security help towards the cost

of their nursing home. The "partnership" scheme would allow the elderly to insure £20,000 of assets, which could be match-funded by the Government to £40,000, allow-

Under this American-mod- | house and still get help from social security. The Government has been

alarmed at the fall in the number of houses left by parents to their children because they are obliged to sell them when they go into a nursing or residential home, which can cost more than £20,000 a year. Labour is committed to an inquiry on care

for the elderly. However, the 600 responses to the white paper, A New Partnership for Care in Old Age, will oblige the Department of Health to issue a draft bill as part of a second consultation exercise lasting into the new year.

Currently one pensioner in five needs residential care for

an average of three or four

ety for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday. Launching a pilot scheme for a national network of "in-vestigation units", combining the expertise of social workers and police, the charity urged ministers to support the

scheme, saying government

provisions were inadequate.

combat child sex abuse. These include requiring convicted offenders to notify police of PAEDOPHILES are better organised than the agenany change of address; extended probation provisions, cies designed to investigate them, which cannot deal with including electronic tagging and preventing paedophiles from working with children. The most sensitive measure the growth in organised child sex abuse, the National Soci-

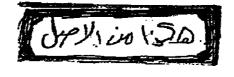
for next month's Crime Bill gives employers access to packground (non-conviction) information on job applicants. The NSPCC proposal to set up task forces again raises the issue of who will have access to sensitive information obtained by police from unofficial sources.

Last month the European Union voted to set up a com-puter register of paedophiles. At the Conservative Party conference today, the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, But proposals for individual is expected to restate the mea-sures recently announced to met with hostility by civil lib-

erties groups, who claim that police records include unsubstantiated gossip from local informers The NSPCC's director, Jim

Harding, said: "One has to be cautious about the sort of informal information that may be available, but we could do a better job of sharing hard information on criminal convictions than we do at present. The process is slow, and delay could be serious."

The NSPCC proposals found no favour among social services. Brian Waller, chair man of the children and fam-ilies committee of the association of directors of social services, said large-scale investigating teams sounded like "hit squads". "The NSPCC may be creating difficulties for children at risk."





# Tuesday October 8 168 leatable force

and feir like a hand pushing rennis to the service of the service down as about the service down soldiers and critical ferrical in several dry them just inside the service at muterals are first blast — apparent them just inside the service at the service at the service at the service and the service at the service at this service at the service of harded children was hard arrived at this service of harded children was backers as here services of harded children was particularly on a pirch adjoing the perimeter fance of fine perimeter fance fance fance

The peal when the fire bomb went off We lust san the top places of myssic in it **7027-**010-5314 "There was a more

dience and then has shooting from these to have. We all just ran TE REEL Offices dies the circum was doing a tent in Ser people as from the base He was the second and Mary stachene on his design a focal mun thing militaria crimi discombie ingli albert l'instres di m morphis from the m morphis por discretaling

**plus žust** on the Onniche BOOK HAN BELL TO A D. ffered

we'er to idea in

are sale. This but in

**建设** DE DAG NACK -Tan Tan Land Control **建** 

The second second second

開始 無益なられて イン・ニー・デオー 動物の対象ができます。 

Enon's The second secon Mark the Control of t (金属性) west infants'

A Section of the sect goes home

Water War and the rawl charge 

# **Major pins hopes** on workfare plan to cut dole budget

Michael White Political Editor

ing the best of the second

OHN Major last night set the scene for the last Conservative con-ference before the general election when he placed workfare at the centre of a raft of hard-line social policies designed to win back lost

Hours after ministers in London put the finishing touches on the expansion of two pilot workfare projects to five big cities — and up to 75,000 long-term unemployed — the prime minister told the annual agents hall that he is aiming to achieve "a sea change" in the level of wel-

change in the level of wel-fare spending. Lady Thatcher drew back from attacking alleged "shirk-ers" and "fiddlers" working in the black economy, even though significant sums — \$500 million over three years, officials claim — could be saved in search of the "lean welfare machine." Ministers poor believe the welfare machine." Ministers dren are involved, plus DNA testing of prisoners, will be buttressed by mandatory life

the dole and joining community programmes, and leaving the dole in order to go on being available to moonlight. In both 1986 and 1991 Bournemouth was the setting for pre-election "springboard" conferences in advance of Tory election wins. In far more diffi-cult circumstances, Mr Major

hopes to pull off the trick a fourth time. In addition to coordinated attacks this week on Labour as both unprincipled and disloyal to its core voters, ministers plan to step up tough social policies aimed at pre-cisely the "hard working class" Jack Straw is targetting. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, told the Bourne mouth Echo he plans to announce a package of mea-

sures against paedophiles at the conference today. A national register, stronger post-prison supervision restricted rights of movement and employment where chil-

to take the gamble that the package will force people to choose between staying on the dole and initial community of the dole and initial community. enacted before the election,

Mr Howard told the paper.

Mr Major pledged to create
"an affordable welfare system
for the 21st century". After
years when ministers have
ducked US-style workfare ald risky and expensive, he told the agents that meant cutting the growth in welfare spending to below that in the economy as a whole. A behind-the-scenes tussle

is yet to decide whether Peter Lilley or Gillian Shephard will make the detailed statement to the conference on what Mr Major called a "contract for work."
In it the long-term jobless will get 13 weeks of training and 13 weeks of community

work if they have not found a

still unemployed — return to their previous dole level. Tory officials are adamant that they can get the unemployment numbers down by forcing "welfare cheats" to choose between benefit and



Harriet Harman and defector Ted Shelton, a former council leader in Norfolk, in a media scrum on the promenade

### Ted who? Confusion beside the seaside as Labour unveils its latest defector

Tory thunder yesterday by unveiling a Defectors Hotline for dissident Conjob. After that they will - if servatives — and a new defector, writes Michael White. So many Conservatives are coming over to Tony

support network, Labour

The visit of shadow health spokesman, Harriet Harman, to greet Mr Shel-Blair's side that they need a ton outside the centre

ABOUR tried to steal the Tory thunder yesterday without problems. The car without problems. The car bringing Mr Shelton delivered without problems. The car bringing Mr Shelton delivered him to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Labour visiting Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr Shelton's only claim to the wrong spot to national fame is as constituted writing Mr S tors endured a mixture of curiosity and hostility from promenaders. There were cries of "What's she doing

tuency agent to former chief whip Richard Ryder. But when he finally arrived in a tourist mini-train, there was a media scrum.

The 53-year-old from Der-

eham, unemployed since losing bis council seat in 1995, denounced his former party for various policy failures. VAT on domestic fuel had been the last straw. Then there was Neil Hamilton . . . By contrast Tony Blair was doing "a remarkable job."





ETER DAVIS spent last week at the Labour conference, eavesdropping on disgruntled left-wingers brought sharply into line. "I attended it two years ago, and the difference is astonishing. They are desperate to win.'

Mr Davis, chairman of Croydon South Conservative Association in south London. is looking for moderation on the issues threatening to divide his party this week. Like most of the party. I

support the Government line on the single currency. I come from the business sector and have mixed feelings about Europe. I'm convinced a waitand-see policy is right.'

His major interest is ontinued education re "Tony Blair has switched tack and is following in our wake. But there is more to be done there: we need to be sending adequately educated young neonle to work in industry, which doesn't seem to be happening now."
But the real issue this week

is winning the election. "The one thing I hope does come to the fore is planning for the years ahead: new policy ideas. We are a radical reforming party, and I'd very much like to see that continue." Will sleaze sully the party

atmosphere? Mr Davis dimisses the idea. "These are isolated instances of people acting irresponsibly. The membership is not sympathetic to Neil Hamilton, I don't think it will affect the party mood."



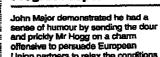
BOURNEMOUTH needs to answer a simple question hopes to be MP for Pudsey, West Yorkshire, next year.

we're getting from people is: Come on, fire our imagination. Give us positive reasons to go out and vote Conservative again." Waverers who need reigniting say "well, you've made a mess of things now, haven't you? But when you press for specifics, they're not unhappy about our record."

Top of Mr Bone's agenda is safeguarding the United Kingdom constitution, and allied concern about gradual European integration and the single currency. "Opinion within the party divides about 80-20. That's also the case on the doorsteps. We need to keep negotiations to protect Britain's interests. But we must have the safeguard of a referendum, and that the Conservatives guarantee."

He wants more new initiatives, and fresh commitments to abolish taxes. such as capital gains and inheritance. "I would like to see a bold fiscal move each vear, with a clear programme set out in advance. And, maybe a bit of a radical idea, I would like to see a public commitment that if there's a world recession and we cannot keep to the programme, we would go to the country. explain the changed position and seek re-election." Martin Wainwright

# Douglas Hogg



Union partners to relax the conditions for lifting the beef export ban-

Unsurprisingly, he failed in his mission. It has been a missrable year for Hogg, His ponderous handling of the BSE scare added to the sanse of crists. He compounded this by talking about mass slaughter of cattle, well before it became official policy. In an attempt to restore confidence, the number of cattle earmarked for slaughter grew until last month, when the Government changed its mind again. Result: complete muddle, with little prospect of end to the beef ban.

Today's performance

Since impossible to get through the speech without mentioning BSE: ilknifest teatic is to blame the European Union for intressigence, which will please a Tary confenence. He has to hope that confenence examples keep in

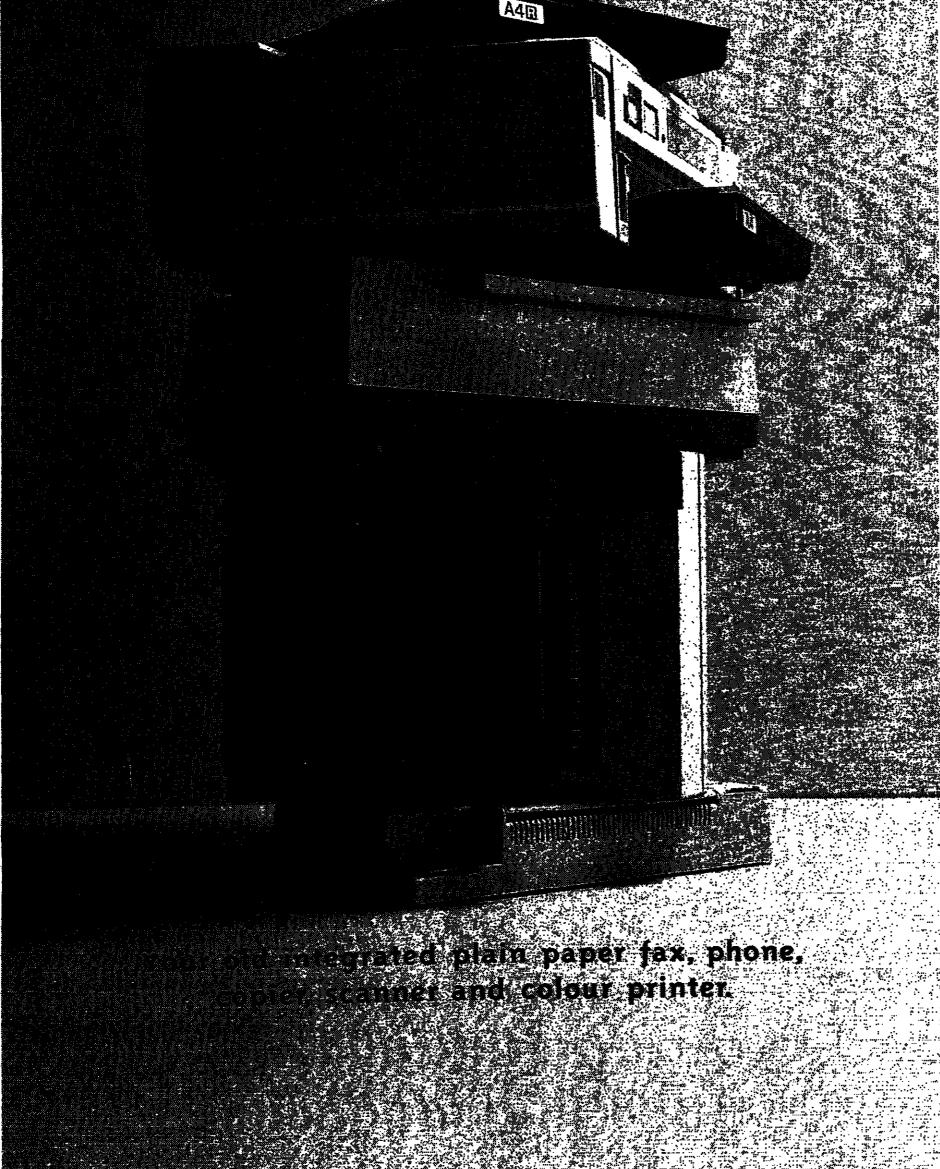
He can take comfort from fact that it is rare for conference to express disapproval with anyone other than liberal-leaning home secretaries and pro-European chancellors and foreign secretaries.
As for long-term prospects, he was predicted by some as a until the next election, when chances are the whole ministerial team

Téday's business

Agriculture (speaker, Douglas Hogg)

Defence of the Union (Michael Forsyth and William Hagus) Knockebout speech by party chairman, Brian Mawhinney

Question and soswer session on health with Stephen Dental Home affairs (Michael Howard)



Italy's ex-Communists are feeling the cold wind of graft inquiries, writes John Hooper in Rome

# Left attacks Clean Hands

HE prosecutors beearth corruption in Italy are again under attack. But this time the attack is not from the rightwinger Silvio Berlusconi and his allies, but from the former Communists the real power behind the centre-left government.

At the centre of the row is "Clean Hands" team of Milan-based prosecutors who launched the drive against graft, with Communist sup-

port, four years ago.

The leader in the Senate of the ex-Communist Demo-cratic Party of the Left (PDS), Cesare Salvi, said at the weekend that more recent investigations had shown their

"It was thought — wrongly that a group of Milanese prosecutors could resolve the problem of corruption. We are seeing that this is not the

Italy's judge prosecutors are its only hope of a cleaner society

case, and some of the tech-niques used by the Clean Hands team are being shown to be risky," he said. dered the arrest of the head of the state railways, Lorenzo into his affairs suggest that some corruption suspects wriggled out of trouble by providing the Clean Hands pool with confessions and dubious evidence about others.

Mr Salvi's criticisms were based on effectiveness and civil liberties. But they fit into a repetitive and suspicious pattern.

a half years has sooner or later turned its fire on the Milan prosecutors, though Lamberto Dini, Italy's last prime minister, fired his jusice minister for doing so.

current anti-corruption inqui-

ministration. Soon after Mr | had already spoken of split | terday hit back at the PDS Necci's arrest, one of the prosecutors declared that incumbent politicians were under

the political manoeuvring.

In Italy, prosecutors and judges share a single profescriticised in the past.

The present justice

ting judges and prosecutors into two separate careers. But for the moment, given the apparent inability of both

Cesare Salvi's criticisms fit into a repetitive and

root out corruption, Italy's judge-prosecutors are its only

"We have always held that . the war on corruption was a job for the politicians. Why doesn't Salvi tell us why . that side hasn't been done?"

The head of the Clean Hands team, Saverio Borrelli, said: "Now at least people will stop calling me a 'red lawyer' About time too."

One reason why corruption still flourishes is that so few suspects have been seen to pay for their behaviour. Ita-ly's judicial system allows for up to three appeals. Cur-rently, only one Italian conof corruption by the campaign is serving a prison sentence. Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister wanted for many cases, lives

**News in brief** 

# Sabotage disrupts German railways

ANTI-NUCLEAR militants were suspected of sabotaging rails services across much of northern Germany yesterday by holat-

ing grappling hooks across overhead power lines. Four trains came to a halt near the cities of Hanover and Göttingen after hitting the hooks, a spokesman for German Railways said. Thousands of passengers had their services disrupted and several lines were closed as trains were re-routed and lines cleared.

Although no one claimed responsibility, campaigners opposed to the transport of nuclear waste by rail to a storage site

near Hanover were believed to be behind the attacks. In May thousands of police and militants fought pitched battles near the Gorleben site as protesters tried to block fine arrival of nuclear waste from France. - Ian Traynor, Bonn.

### Kuwaiti voters lured by food

KCWAITI men voted in parliamentary elections yesterday, tempted with gourmet food by candidates as about 200 women

lemonstrated for political rights in the Gulf state. Only one in seven of the country's 700,000 people can vote in the elections: women, police and military personnel, men under 21, and those naturalised less than 20 years ago are excluded. Parlia ment was reintroduced after the 1991 Gulf war. Political parties are not allowed and, after the elections, the ruling al-Sahah family will select the cabinet.

Islamist, liberal, independent, pan-Arab nationalist and progovernment candidates set up tents yesterday around polling stations to lure voters in with a free lunch and a last chance to nfluence their vote.

I do not have the figures yet but I could have spent more than an MP's salary for the next four years . . . I have spent a lot of my own money," said Abdulla al-Roumi, a liberal candidate.
Some Western diplomats said the female activists were mainly
from an elite and had little popular support. — Reuter, Kumait.

### Corsican group claims bomb

CORSICAN separatists claimed responsibility yesterday for a bomb attack on the prime minister Alain Juppe's mayoral office in Bordeaux, raising fears of an offensive in mainland France. In a brief statement to news organisations in the Corsican apital Ajaccio, the "historic wing" of the Corsican National Jberation Front (FLNC) said it carried out the attack on Satur-

day night, which caused damage but no casualties.
"Claim responsibility for bomb attack at the Bordeaux city hall," the outlawed group said in a statement devoid of the usual

ideological justifications.

Mr Juppe held emergency consultations with his interior and justice ministers and ordered that security be stepped up at public %lombia

clashes

A. 53

16 - Exercis 2 m 2 m

- Z-9-4

Transfer

Tel San

Andrew States

A A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P

7 × 7

-

---

\* \* \*

-

A STATE OF

· Clared

-4 13 mg 1

T. Primary

World Cup

的総抗eson

ouldings in Paris and provincial cities. The FLNC is fighting a long-running campaign for greater autonomy from Paris. The blast was believed to be in response to a clampdown ordered by Mr Juppé in July, after the breakdown of secret talks with the FLNC earlier this year. — Reuter, Ajoccio.

### Bank to fight Nazi loot claim

SWITZERLAND'S biggest bank vesterday ruled out an out-ofcourt settlement of a \$20 billion (£13 billion) law suit filed in New York by a Holocaust survivor who says Swiss banks may be hiding her family's wealth.

Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) vowed to fight the classaction suit, which claims Swiss banks withheld accounts from the neirs of Jews murdered in the Holocaust.

The suit was filed last week in Brooklyn federal court by Gizella Weisshaus, aged 66, on behalf of all heirs of Holocaust victims who and deposited money and property in Swiss banks for safe

keeping as Nazi terror spread across Europe. "This will not be settled out of court. There is no question of a ettlement," a UBS spokeswoman, Gertrud Erismann. said. The suit names UBS and Swiss Bank Corporation, two of the country's three biggest banks. It also accuses more than 100 unnamed banking institutions and individuals. — Reuter, Zurich.

### Qatar 'aiding Bahrain's foes'

BAHRAIN'S foreign minister yesterday accused Qatar for the first time of directly backing Shi'ite opponents of Bahrain's

Sunni-dominated governme Shelkh Mohammad hin Muharak al-Khalifa told the Londonbased al-Hayat newspaper that Qatar was co-operating with "enemies of another country and showing them on television to attack a sisterly state . . . [Qatar] allocates money to support [the

Sheikh Mohammad was apparently referring to an interview with two exiled Bahraini Shi'ite Muslim opposition leaders broadcast on official Qatar television in January. Bahrain protested then that the broadcast amounted to an attack by Qafar on a

fellow Gulf Arab state. Sheikh Mohammad said that Bahrain would boycott a summit of the Gulf Co-operation Council in Qatar in December. Bahrain and Qatar are in dispute over several islands in the Gulf which may be rich in oil and gas. — Reuter, Dubai.

### Inkatha blow to constitution

THE Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Party pulled out of South Africa's constitutional negotiations yesterday, dashing hopes of national consensus on the blueprint for

post-apartheid rule. "It does not look as if there is any prospect of all-party agreement on a constitutional text, so there was no point in our continued participation." said Inkatha's chief

negotiator, Walter Felgate. A draft constitution was adopted in May without the support of Inkatha, who rule KwaZulu-Natal province, but was sent back by the constitutional court last month for refinement. — Reuter, Cape Town.



Buthelezi: no consensus on

# Seoul rejects 'spy' links

SOUTH KOREA denied yesterday that a United States citizen held in North Korea on spying charges was working for Seoul.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Evan Hunzike was believed to be a missionary in his mid-20s and based in north-east China. He said Pyongyang may have fabricated the charge to force Washington into direct diplomatic talks. — Seoul, Reuter.

### Correction

IN THE Guardian of August 22 it was reported that Mr Abduljawad, chairman of Oilinvest International NV, had been arrested. We should point out that Mr Abduljawad was neither arrested nor charged in relation to any alleged offence. We apologise for any embarrassment caused to Mr Abduljawad and are happy to set the record straight.



The La Fenice opera house, in which Rigoletto and La Traviata had their premières, may have been reduced to ashes by the Mafia itself. John Hooper in Venice

G2 page 4

Each of Italy's three gov ernments in the past two and

The PDS's opponents pointed out yesterday that the state railways, Lorenzo ries were edging uncomfort-Necri Leaks from the inquiry ably close to the present ad-

suspicion. His claim has since een withdrawn. Underlying the controvers are genuine civil liberties issues which have become impossible to disentangle from

sion, and never appear in court for defendants. Their use of detention to extract confessions, their reliance on confessions to charge sus-pects, and their routine leaking of the transcripts of interrogations have all been

ter, Giovanni Maria Flick.

suspicious pattem politicians and journalists to

Armando Spataro, who de-fended the Milan team during an investigation ordered by

the last justice minister, yes-

in gilded exile in Tunisia.

Crossed lines . . . A puzzled young German tries to enter a floating phone box on the River Schlei, but it is only part of a project by the artist Mona Strehlow PHOTOGRAPH: CHRISTOF STACHE

# **Cult watchers** await verdict

to help him.

bard, founder of the Church of Scientology.

A former plumber, Alain Barou, aged 31, who is charged with fraud, said:

The purification cure helps

one to elevate oneself spiritually, to be free mentally and

free physically of toxins."

Asked why some people

considered themselves mani-pulated, Mr Baron said: "In

all religions, there are rene-

gades. Scientology is no

Much of the trial has been

taken up with argument on whether scientology should be classified under French

law as a church or a cult. A French parliamentary report

in January included it in a

Alex Duval Smith In Paris

RENCH campaigners against cults are hoping for legislation against "mental manipulation" if the country's scientology leader is found guilty today of the involuntary manslaughter of a follower who died after jumping from a 12th floor window.

After a 10-day trial, a court in Lyon will decide whether Jean-Jacques Mazier had a role in the 31-year-old dis-ciple's suicide in 1988. It will also rule on fraud charges against 23 other leading members of the organisation.

The state prosecutor, Thierry Ricard, has asked for a three-year suspended jail sen-tence and 500,000 franc (£62,500) fine for Mr Mazier, and one-to-two-year suspended sentences and 50,000 franc fines for the other accused The trial, which provoked

demonstrations at the weekend and prompted France's leading tennis player to speak in support of the scientologists, is seen by opponents of cults as a test case. They believe that if Mr Ma-

zier and his supporters are found guilty, deputies will be compelled to draft legislation against mental manipulation. Prosecutors told the court that Mr Mazier brainwashed Patrice Vic, an industrial designer who jumped from his bedroom window after telling his wife that he needed 80,000

DO YOU BELLEVE N LFE AFTER DEATH?

bire PE18 6XG

# Holocaust author damns Mitterrand

Wiesel is finally shocked into believing that his old friend's Vichy people and to put them on trial; his custom of secretly past was part of a pattern writes **Paul Webster** in Paris past was part of a pattern, writes Paul Webster in Paris

LIE WIESEL, the Nobel peace prize win-ner who acted as an intion treatment". A year later his widow, Nelly Vic, joined a legal action by 20 former scientologists who claim they ternational guarantor of François Mitterrand's good faith on his attitude were defrauded of thousands of francs for treatments oftowards the Holocaust, has rounded on the late Socialfered by the French Church of

Scientology.
Thirteen of them have since settled out of court. Mr Mazier denies leading Vic to suicide, maintaining that he is "a man of the church" who was only trying The 23 other French leaders of the Florida-based organisation have argued that they have been helped by the teachings of the late Ron Hub-

alive.

"If I had known in 1981 [when they met] what I know now, I would never have been his friend," Mr Wiesel said yesterday after publication of his new book Et la mer n'est pas remplie — The sea is not yet full.

The Holocaust historian, who also writes of a be-trayal by Mr Mitterrand's adviser, Jacques Attali, said that he would have been even harder on Mr Mitterrand were he still

published by Seuil as a sequel to Tous les fleuves vont à la mer (All rivers flow to the sea), reflect the shock he felt when Mr Mitterrand admitted in a 1994

the Vichy police chief, René Bousquet, who ordered French police to round up Mr Wiesel says that he previously refused to be

cal journey of François Mit-terrand," he writes. "His

president's rightwing past which included a period as a Vichy official at the height of the deportations.
"There has to be coher ence and logic in the politi-

### versations for his own memoirs, Verbatim, pre-tending they were remarks book and a television inter-view that he was a friend of Nazi past of certain French

# Taliban face the valley of death

ALIBAN militias used helicopters, tanks, and artillery in a show of force at the mouth of the Panjshir valley yesterday in spite of a warning from the northern Afghan warlord General Rashid Dostam that he might join forces with his rival Ahmed Shah Massoud against them unless they called a

Taliban sappers were blast-

tea. Asked if he knew the

troops from several abortive

campaigns to seize it, he laughed: "We have the power

An hour later some of his

men started the ascent of the

mountainside which controls

ing away rocks which Comlist of 173 cults and among 28 groups accused of recruiting mander Massoud, the ousted defence minister, had placed On Sunday 200 scientoloon the road beside the rive gists from Germany, Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Spain, Belgium and France last week to block their path. Scores of fresh troops were arriving at the front-line village of Gulbahar in apparent readiness to push further up port of the Mr Mazier and his he valley.

Residents of several build-"We plan to go forward." said Fazil Bary, who com-mands 35 men, as he sat in his ings put their televisions on their window sills, at full volume, and children tossed fire-Toyota Landcruiser drinking crackers at the crowd in an Panishir valley was the grave-yard for hundreds of Soviet effort to disrupt the rally.

A banner hung from one window read: "No to the Sciento, yes to life."

Last week the top French of the Koran behind us." tennis player, Arnaud Boetsch, gave an interview in which he said scientology courses had helped him con-

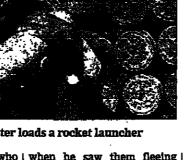


A front-line Taliban fighter loads a rocket launcher

were fired over the mountains towards Massoud positions in reply to incoming rounds. A Taliban helicopter flew overhead. We heard the whine of two jets but it was not clear which side they

were on.

The super-confident militias were happy to chat to reporters as new troops drove up. Abdul Ghazi, a 25-year-old from Kandahar, had a bandaged shrapnel wound above his left eye. He was determined to fight on, he said. mountainside which controls Another man had defected the mouth of the gorge to from Cmdr Massoud's forces



reinforce other Taliban who when he saw them fleeing occupied it at the weekend.

Mortars and tank rounds when the Taliban seized the

He knew of 40 other Mas soud troops who had joined the Taliban, he said. The only militias who declined to continue talking were a group were hustled on by their leader when three

While Cmdr Massoud is Ta-libans' immediate target, the uncertainty about Gen Dostam's intentions is growing. He commands the Salang tunnel, the main link with northern Alghanistan, and himself broke with Cmdr Massoud



tomb; his links with former

[fascist] Cagoulards: his de-termination to hide part of his life and his habit of sur-

rounding himself with Jews — all this must have

Mr Wiesel also recounts how Mr Attali, whose chairmanship of the EBRD European development

bank in London ended in controversy, used the un-

published manuscript of the Wiesel-Mitterrand con-

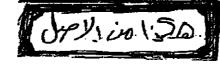
an explanation."

three years ago. A carefully worded statement from his headquarters in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif warned the Taliban on Sunday that to go on fighting "serves no pur-pose" and called for a

broadly-based national Islamic government.
Cryptically, it continued: We are prepared to defend revealed they were Pashtuns the life and honour of our from Pakistan compatriots in any part of the

country."

An alliance between Gen Dostam and Cmdr Massoud seems highly unlikely, and the statement is designed to remind the Taliban that Gen Dostam is a power-broker with several options.



the Clinton camp, and

election were left unchanged

Tuesday October 3 lk

Street Porces the cross of the comments of the cross of th STATE OF THE STATE

ASSET GEORGE TO THE WATER THE Partie by the state of the stat

tured by food Private State Stat

Augustania Pastonia

**p** claims bomb

THE STATE OF THE S

Paris.

**inzi lo**ot claim

der in

Mana.

A STATE OF THE STA

Market Control

**Sahr**ain's foe:

and C

# 24.72 L

WW.....

- :

Burne H

See See

mare.

**独长**企士

o constitution

'spy' links

TO THE SECOND PROPERTY OF THE SECOND PROPERTY

Marian.

**通**家 ...

E DII (C.

vised debate.

The instant poll by USA
Today made Mr Clinton the
winner by a margin of 51 to Estate

By Teles

Bloom per

France Good Teles

Control Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

Control

C 32, and focus groups convened by both parties and various newspapers all agreed that Mr Dole had not scored any memorable hit which could claw back the president's 32, and focus groups convened See Land ALLEY VILLEY

cut, tonight," Mr Dole predict-ably told cheering supporters at a post-debate party. He may worried Republican congressional candidates from abandoning the party ticket and running their own individual campaigns.

Jau, known as a "zinger".

Mr Dole tried to land a few, and asking: "What's the subject matter?".

Some pundits brandished campaigns.

next and last debate, in Cali-fornia on October 16, should be even more congenial for the president. It is billed as a connect the president with of Mr Dole to start with.

town meeting at which mem- the grand old liberal of the bers of the public will question the candidates in a relaxed, floor-roaming forum O THE vast relief of

**A Clinton zinger** 

clinches debate

Each man increased his general favourability rating by the debate, which was the most serious and comprehenthe concealed frustration of the Dole cam-paign, the dynamics and the polls in the US presidential sive on policy issues, and the least contentious such event, in memory. Each said how much he liked his opponent. by the candidates' first tele-It was a worthy and worth-while exchange, which had the unusually small televi-sion audience switching off in

claw back the president's commanding lead.

"When they come to write the history of this campaign they'll say that we turned it around in Hariford, Connections to the comment to the connection of the connection

dential debates has degenerated into a gladiatorial con-

doning the party ticket and running their own individual campaigns.

Mr Clinton declined to crow, for he did not need to. He was left unbloodied. The part and last debate in Colincol and the crow, for he did not need to. He was left unbloodied. The part and last debate in Colincol and the president to commanding the president to declare whether or not he would pardon the felons of Whitewater, and saying that Mr Clinton was a liberal who reminded Mr Dole of his posterior was a liberal who reminded Mr Dole of his posterior was a liberal who reminded may be commanding the president to declare whether or not he would pardon the felons of Whitewater, and saying that known in the family as "the great exaggerator".

Democratic party, Senator Edward Kennedy, who heard a fellow senator use the phrase "Let me tax your imaginations", and thought that was a brilliant revenue-raising idea.

Laughing off the Dole Jabs, and standing firmly on his re-cord of 10 million new jobs, and the old Ronald Reagan line that Americans are better off than they were four years ago, Mr Clinton competently and genially claimed

his right to re-election.
On Whitewater pardons,
Mr Clinton said be would let
the law take its course. Mr Dole found that response inadequate, and insisted that on such a matter the president should have simply replied "No comment". A few moments later, told that had 30 seconds for rebut-

test in which success is defined by a memorable quip, grinned widely, and said: "No comment"; which left Mr

Some pundits brandished the small print of opinion polls, which found that only 43 per cent of the public said Mr Clinton did better than expected, while 74 per cent said Mr Dole surpassed the expectations: which really showed Mr Dole's best line was to how low were the expectation



Nice guys . . . Bob Dole and Bill Clinton agree in their television debate that they like one another PHOTOGRAPH: JIM BOURG | north of Tel Aviv.

# Slow-punching Dole exceeds voters' low expectations in a worthy television confrontation which changed nothing | Israel urges quick deal

ter, Binyamin Netanyahu, introduced a new complication into the feeble peace process yesterday by sting to the opening of parliament's winter session that the implementation of existing agreements should be suspended, once the issue of Israel's presence in the West Bank town of Hebron has been resolved.

Instead, he proposed that Is-rael and the Palestinians should proceed immediately to the next phase of the peace programme — the negotiation of a permanent settlement. That will include the most

contentious of outstanding issues: control of Jerusalem the future of the Jewish settlements, the fate of more than 3 million Palestinian refugees, and the final bor-ders and status of the Palestinian-controlled territory.

Mr Netanyahu accused the Palestinians of repeatedly violating the peace accords, including by firing on Israeli troops last month in clashes in which 50 Palestining and in which 59 Palestinians and 15 Israeli soldiers died. He was careful not to criti-cise the Palestinian leader,

Mr Netanyahu also said Israel was ready to press on with the negotiations and withdraw its troops from most of Hebron, provided the

two sides could agree on improved security arrangements for the city's 400 Jewish settlers.
The Palestinians say that Israel — under its previous government — has already

agreed to redeploy its troops and hand over the rest of the city to the self-rule Authority headed by Mr Arafat. The US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, making

a brief visit to the region, yesterday tried to soothe Pales-tinian fears. He said Israel did not intend to "rescind or modify" existing agreements "but only to implement them in an effective and practical way".

Meanwhile Israel's president, Ezer Weizman, was finalising plans to invite Mr Arafat today for talks at his private residence in Caesaria,

# Colombia death toll rises in clashes with rebels

The fighting is seen as a possible bid to revive peace talks, **Mary Matheson** in Bogotá writes

OLOMBIA'S leftwing guerrillas at the weekend added six to the death toll of more than 200 soldiers and rebels killed over the past five weeks during the bloodiest guerrilla offensive in the history of Colombia's 30-

year civil war. In central Cundinamarca province, a junior officer travelling with a general died when their helicopter was fired on by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc).

iner Farc Dranco killed two police agents in clashes that destroyed the police headquarters in the southwestern town of Linares. And in northwestern Cordoba province three Indians were killed and two others were kidnapped by a offensives are a reply to acsmaller guerrilla group.

shortages and higher prices as guerrillas have burned lorries and blocked main roads, delaying coal, coffee and oil exports as part of their offensive.

| battle on August 30 when it | Cali — an accusation propa-ambushed an army base in | gated by the army. But southern Colombia, killing guerrilla experts say there about 30 soldiers and tak- is no evidence that the

"For the first time I have noticed that the political stability of Colombia is seriously threatened," he said in an interview with a Brazilian daily, El Estado

de San Pablo.

Paradoxically, the upsurge in attacks could be intended by the rebels as a "hand-strengthening" prelude to a bid by them to revive peace negotiations, broken off over a year ago. Demands by the Farc for international representation when they hand over the 60 that they want to negotiate. In broad terms the guer-rillas' demands have

changed little from the 1960s. They want land in rural areas to be redistributed, the country's natural resources to be stateowned and political reform. Others think the rebels cusations that they are no Cities have seen food more than petty criminals who, since the end of communism cut international aid for their struggle, have turned to extortion and kid-

nanning for funds.

It has become fashionable The Farc, the nation's oldest and largest guerrilla group, won its biggest cartel, after Medellin and

rebels traffick in drugs. Even President Ernesto But the guerrillas do extort Samper acknowledges a money from drug traffickcertain lack of control. ers and tax coca growers. The army's claims are

seen by most as a ploy to win back US military aid cut off in 1994 after revela-tions of human rights abuses by the military. But the Washington is unlikely to want to get involved. Meanwhile, the army,

pleading poverty to account for its lack of success, has received a boost from the private sector. A law passed by Congress last month requires individuals earning more than \$88,000 a year and all companies to soldiers are taken as a sign buy government bonds, that they want to negotiate. which will raise \$440 million for the fight against

> The law is extremely unpopular among the business sector, which feels that increased defence spending has not produced satisfactory results. The defence budget increased by 14 per cent between 1991 and 1996, but during the same period the guerrillas' ranks swelled from 8,000 under arms to about 12,000. The government, one of whose few allies is the army, has proposed legislaautonomy and giving it more powers to detain

TAIWAN

100 miles

Catherine Sampson In Hong Kong

ONG KONG politicians urged China to act against Japan's claim to the disputed East China Sea archipelago yesterday after small boats manned by Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan citizens outran Japanese patrol boats to plant the flags of China and Taiwan.

dawn dash through the 50 any kind of popular demon-boats of the Japanese block-stration and loath to offend a ade into the waters surrounding the island chain, which it has muzzled anti-Japanese the Chinese call Diaoyu and the Japanese Senkaku. Later the Democratic Party

said: "If the Chinese government refuse to take a tough action against the Japanese government, then it will be very difficult for China to reclaim sovereignty over the Diaoyu islands."

The dispute has united Hong Kong politicians. Ron-ald Arculli, vice-chairman of the traditionally pro-China Liberal Party, said: "Hopefully the Chinese government will now take it up through diplomatic channels, and appreciate the feeling of Chinese people round the world."

Some protestersswam ashore, scrambled over rocks, and planted the flags of rivals Taiwan and China next to each other. The flags fell to a gust of wind and the Japanese coastguards, but the activists withdrew victorious to a jubilant welcome in Taiwan.

A Democratic member of Beijing has been conspicuted the Hong Kong legislature, ously silent about the long-transport the Kin-shing, led the standing dispute. Nervous of Furukawa, warned that in waters surrounding the isvalued source of cheap loans, activism on the mainland and offered only lukewarm sup-port to the Taiwanese and

Hong Kong protesters.

It must be somewhat bemused by the nationalistic fervour shown by the Taiwanese and the Hong Kong demo-crats, whom the Communist Party often condemns as politically unreliable and

Hong Kong flags its Chinese nationalism

unpatriotic. The 300 activists who sailed to the islands in 30 boats on Sunday night were equipped with a remote-controlled helicopter to drop flags, in case no one was able to break through the Japanese cordon. In the event, they managed to distract the Japanese coastguards by pelting them with

eggs.
They failed to dismanfle the makeshift lighthouse erected by Japanese nationalists in July — the event which sparked the current dispute — and may be tempted therefore to try again.

future Japan would "take appropriate measures if they don't follow orders to leave" So far the Japanese have acted with restraint, fearing

an escalation of tension. The dispute's only martyr lost his

respects to David Chan at his funeral on Sunday.

lands nearly a fortnight ago. About 6,000 people, including leaders of every Hong Kong political party and Chinese officials, paid their



Protesters plant the Chinese and Taiwanese flags on an island claimed by Japan PHOTOGRAPH: SIMON KWONG

# World Cup ball still in the air

Jon Watts in Tokyo

OOTBALL officials in ■Japan and South Korea are anxiously awaiting a report by the In-ternational Federation of Football Associations (Fifa) which, they hope, will provide guidelines for cohosting the World Cup finals

for the first time.
"I don't think people in Europe realise just how different Japan and South Korea are," said a spokes-man for the World Cup Preparatory Committee for Japan. "Overcoming the cultural, historical and administrative differences is going to be monumentally difficult, but until the meeting on November 6 we

ing on November 6, we can't even get started."

The decision to share the 2002 finals was supposed to end two years of competition between the two rivals, but it appears to have merely focused it in a dif-ferent direction.

There is a lingering sense of injustice in Japan at Fifa's compelling them to accept the cohosting plan less than a week before the final vote was to be taken. "After

The day after the decision was announced, South can to make the marriage Korea's Yonap news agency work, but it is going to take an enormous effort."

two — the contest to bost the final match".

also means halving each nation's potential revenue. Last month, a Japanese delegation led by the president of the football association, Ken Naganuma, petitioned Fifa to raise the number of matches and to contribute towards the extra costs out of the \$1 billion sale of tele-

vision rights.
As prices in Japan are about three times higher than in South Korea, its

have also expressed their keenness to involve North Japanese football officials, who see their share of the

nations, but Japan, which has far tighter immigration regulations, shows little enthusiasm for the idea.

headline "Now for round

Sharing the tournament

delegates said they hoped for a significantly larger share of Fifa funds. Their cohosts, however, said they would find it hard to settle for less than half. South Korean politicians

Korea in the tournament as a step toward reunification a prospect which alarms benefits being cut further. Seoul has proposed visa-free travel between the two

right for Fifa to casually break its own rules just like that," said Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi, goalkeeper for Japan's Olympic team.

The day after the decimal representation official "I am sure our partner is a good one and partne

**News in brief** .......

### Rio massacre bodies dug up

Brazilian authorities ex-humed the bodies yesterday of 19 victims of a massacre in 1993 so that they could be checked for bullets, human

rights activists sald.
Forty-nine police officers are awaiting trial for gunning down 21 inhabitants of Vigario Geral shanty town in Rio de Janeiro, to avenge the death of four police officers. - Reuter.

Nobel winners

Peter Doherty, aged 55, from Australia, and Rolf Zinkernagel, aged 52, from Switzer-land, were yesterday awarded the Nobel prize for medicine for the discovery 23 years ago of how the immune system recognises virus-infected cells that gives hope for treatment of cancer, diabetes and Aids. — Reuter.

Ex-minister's trial A judge in Paris yesterday or-dered the former industry

minister, Gérard Longuet, to stand trial over the financing of a holiday in Saint Tropez. but dropped a more serious inquiry into misuse of corpo-rate funds. — Reuter.

Killer brew

At least 29 villagers in Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu, southern India, died after drinking homemade liquor over the weekend, the Press Trust of India reported. — AP.

Yao released Yao Wenyuan, aged 65,

member of the "Gang of Four", has been released after serving a 20-year prison sentence in Beijing. - AP.

# Suharto flinches as watchdog bites back

An official Indonesian human rights commission has turned the spotlight on its government, writes **Keith Richburg** in Jakarta its current crackdown on said, are "using the events" spotlight on its government, writes Keith Richburg in Jakarta

sion on Human Rights three years ago, few ex-pected it to be anything but a toothless watchdog, more likely to cover up the gov-ernment's excesses than to expose its wrongdoings.

But the commission has shown a surprising inde-pendent streak that has won over the sceptics and often put the government and the armed forces under the spotlight. Its reports on military

abuses in the provinces of Irian Jaya and East Timor have led to court-martial proceedings against officers, and the US secretary work.

But now the independence and credibility of the commission face their most formidable challenge. This month the 21-member it did happen, things were panel plans to release its allowed to take their rights activists have been report on July's violent course. One can only con- suggesting: that the govern- said Abdul Hakim Nusan-

small, officially sauctioned opposition party, the Indonesian Democratic Party.
It seems the commission It seems the commission will blame the government and the armed forces. Ac-

cording to Marzuki Darusman, a deputy chairman, its investigation has compiled evidence that government interference in the Indonesian Democratic Party caused the split that ousted its popular leader, Megawati Sukarnoputri.

When troops raided Megawati's headquarters and rioters took to the streets, Mr Marzuki said, soldiers and police failed to of state, Warren Christo- respond, either caught unpher, has endorsed its awares or wanting the violence to spread as part of a larger agenda.

"Physical confrontation seemed inevitable," Mr Marzuki said. "And when

HEN President Sustantial street rioting, which was clude clearly that this was harto formed the sparked by a military raid allowed to happen."

The military — and later Mr Suharto himself —

blamed the rioting on rem-nants of the long-outlawed Indonesian Communist Party, and officials released documents they said had been captured from a little-known youth activist group called the People's Democratic Party. The youth group's "cap-tured" manifesto is said to contain leftwing rhetoric that the military calls proof

and subversive plotting. But Mr Marzuki said he was convinced by the documents that it may be the military which is implicated, in another type of conspiracy. The documents were too sophisticated to have been produced by the youth groups, he said.

of its communist leanings

Mr Marzuki's conclusions confirm what opposi-tion politicians and human political dissent.

Megawati has said she believes government agents in the crowds started looting that devastated a stretch of one of Kakarta's cannot be common people."

It seems the commission will put the blame squarely on the government

she said, "I think there was some engineering."

Virtually no one here believes communists were behind the rioting. "In my opinion, the [youth group] is just being blamed," said a computer consultant in his twenties. "Young Indonesians are so Western, nohody thinks about commu-

nism anymore." "I think it's paranoia," restrictions on political and civil freedoms. But similar conclusions from the government's own

human rights commission would amount to a political The commission's find-ings may have prompted government warnings to

the panel to issue its report with the "national inter-est" in mind, and to be pre-pared to back up its The commission has al-ready run foul of the government over its inquiry. A preliminary report at the end of Angust listed five

people killed, 149 wounded and 74 missing, compared with the official figure of four dead and 28 injured. President Suharto called on the commission to docu-

ment its figures, which it did, by releasing names and addresses. Since that report was issued, about 20 missing activists have resurfaced, apparently having been in hiding. - The Washington Post.

rice opera house Rigoletto and 13 and their premiers been reduced to the Mafia Itself. 25 VAN 28

# $\mathit{The}$ Guardian

Tuesday October 8 1996 Edition Number 46,678 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER Fax No. 0171-837 4530 E-mail: letters@guardian.co.uk

Website: http://www.guardian.co.uk

# A Labour landslide

The Conservatives are falling apart

you have a duty to believe the evidence of your own eyes rather than bow continually to conventional wisdom. Take, as a starting point, this morning's Guardian-ICM monthly poll showing Labour on 49 per cent, against the Conservatives on 31 and the Liberal Democrats on 16. There are, of course, lots of instant and sensible caveats: it was taken just after a successful Labour conference; it came at the end of an unusually bad Tory week; people don't tell the truth to the pollsters; it's a poll not a real election, and so on. All of which is true and always worth repeating. But even so there comes a time. Ours is still the polling series which is consistently and designedly the least discouraging to the Conservatives. It builds in the calculation that the Tories are actually stronger than the raw data suggests. Yet even here the Conservatives are heading for a catastrophic election in seven months time. On these figures, Labour would have a Commons majority of 191 next spring, and the Conservatives would be pulverised to a mere 182 MPs.

It won't happen that way, you say. But there is a simple answer to this worldly wisdom. Why on earth shouldn't it? The endemically cautious school of observers (among them the Labour leader) always say "Look what happened in 1992", which is under-standable given the trauma of Labour's fourth defeat. But the difference be-tween October 1996 and October 1991 (which was the equivalent stage in the last Parliament) is now too prodigious to ignore. At this point in 1991, Labour and the Conservatives were running neck-and-neck, as a long phase of Labour poll leads drew towards its end. Today, Labour is lengthening its lead still further from a point which it never remotely touched after Mrs Thatcher's fall. There are, of course, still seven

THERE comes a point in politics when months to go. Anything, they continue you have a duty to believe the evidence to say, could still happen. True, in theory. Yet even if the Tories achieved the same October-to-spring swing which they achieved in 1991-92, Labour would still win in 1997 with a majority of 67. The overwhelming reality is that everything points to a large overall Labour majority, perhaps even a landslide, in the coming general election.

Those who doubt this should consider another less generalised tranche of evidence of impending doom. Look at what has happened to the Conservative Party within only the last week. The trail of destruction detonated by the Hamilton-Greer case continues to threaten the party's credibility at a high level. The Goldsmith guerrilla army continues to harry the flanks; Lord McAlpine fell into Sir James's hands on Sunday, while others (perhaps even John Redwood) flirt with the naughty thought of doing likewise. Meanwhile the Tory exchief whip's former agent (no Alan Howarth but not an absolute minnow either) crosses Bournemouth beach to join the Labour Party. Brian Mawhinney merely snarls, a Norman Tebbit without the class. John Major beats the table in the television studio and can't be bothered to stay for dinner in Dublin. The FTSE share index rises sharply after Tony Blair speaks in Blackpool. These are not usual signs. They don't normally do it like this. The Conservative Party may be the most successful democratically elected governing party of 20th century Europe. But that does not mean it is infallible or that one should not recognise these signs for what they are. This is neither a party nor a nation at ease with itself. The Conservatives are simply falling apart. Bournemouth is not a conference about winning an election. If the evidence means anything, this week is about trying to minimise the damage for an

# Sympathy is easy to dispense

Haemophiliacs need compensation: objectively assessed

keepers. They all remain fearful of establishing a precedent that sweeps them away. But floodgates are there to control floods. The best floodgate operators recognise the need to allow real emergencies through. That is where John Horam, the health minister who has been flexible enough to join three different political parties, has been foolishly inflexible in not recognising the claims of haemophiliacs infected with hepatitis C by NHS treatment involving contaminated blood. His whole approach has been to keep them at bay at all costs. His "deep sympathy for all those affected by this inadvertent tragedy" butters no parsnips for the 3,000 haemophiliacs infected with the hepatitis strain. Moreover, his insistence that there had been no negligence and that the patients "received the best treatment available at the time", is too legalistic. It is time we moved on from negligence to "no fault" compensation as a royal commission suggested over two decades ago.

Yet there is an even more important conflict between the two sides: the seriousness of the infection. According to the Haemophilia Society, more than 60 of the 3,000 infected haemophiliacs have already died; between 50 and 80 per cent of those infected will contract severe liver diseases; and up to 20 per cent will develop liver cancer. According to the tients suffer any serious symptoms, be containable.

ALL ministers have to be careful gate | only 20 per cent will suffer some form of cirrhosis, and only one per cent primary liver cancer. The gulf between these two versions is huge. An independent referee is needed. If actuaries can make relatively accurate projections for insurance companies on existing medical knowledge about the future prospects of certain categories of individuals, then there should be some procedure to make them available for disputes in the NHS. If it is possible for the commercial sector, it should be possible in the public sector.

Neutral observers would be more ready to support the health department if ministers had not resisted compensation for haemophiliacs infected with HIV for so long. Now the same tired arguments which were trotted out then. are being re-run now. In his reply to the Haemophilia Society this week, the health minister declared: "If we were to provide compensation on the basis of non-negligent harm, this would very quickly develop into a general no-fault compensation." If only it would. Britain has been crying out for one. It would avoid the huge expense of legal battles and the need to establish negligence. As the royal commission noted, it is not the cause of a victim's plight which should be the main focus but the nature of their afflictions. The health minister cannot have it both ways: if only a small proportion of haemophiliacs is health department, it could take up to affected, then the costs will be small. 20 or 30 years before the infected pa- Even if all needed help, the costs would

The hardships devolving from her care cannot adequately be described but are perhaps summed up in that one long, terrible night when started, semi-conscious, from my bed convinced that I was dead — that I had been for years, and that I was in

vented her birth I would have been spared a great deal. But I would have missed and lost far more. I wish she was with me still, and were I presented with the prospect of another, identical child I would not hesitate to fight again for the

us. It was a parsimonious state and the prejudices of the short-sighted. It was the meagreness of benefits, the inefficiencies of over-stretched hospitals and the lack of adequate respite care. It was people who prayed for help on their knees but delivered none on their feet. It was the sanctimonious mewling of middle-class advocates of abortion for handicapped foetuses and all those other ina-

lenge to be met. What of her life? She - my Jenny — knew pain, but she also knew joy and in no small measure. Her pain could be moderated through medicine, and her life and joy were a fluttering, incandescent flame that brightened and warmed

ety as it is, might choose to avoid the battle of being parent to a handicapped child. They have my sympa-thy. But the route of "screening out" handicap is, to me, the advocacy of genocide of the defenceless by the misguided. Richard M Thompson.

Medway, Queensbury, Bradford BD13.

### Yanks out

■ICHAEL Billington is brave to address the subject of Americanisation in his Saturday review (Arts, October 5). It is, curiously, rare for anvone to state such concern. We have been careless. While being formally anti-Europe at the front door, we have left the back door wide open for almost anything American to be delivered. The Guardian is full of it - guys, wannabees, butts. Where is the watchdog?

# problem? Try these for starters

WITH reference to your those of your profession who anonymous farmer's letter seeking solutions to his problems (October 5). I'd like ganic farmers. to make the following points: Proper reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is essential before things can improve;
• Initial indications on the reform of the milk regime show that little is likely to change in this crazy system of

European Parliament, Rue Belliard 97-113, 1047 Brussels.

> which the CAP itself is responsible.
> The CAP has supported the

GET out of dairy farming and go into organic farm-ing. Get together with those in the same plight as yourself and insist that government subsidises farming that is humane and sustainable. Join | not used,

Farming has hit rock bot-

quotas and fixed prices;

The EU Council of Ministers lacks the political will to change the system.

It is important that, whoever wins the election, the new Parliament returns to the It is typical of the CAP that, after 30 years in operation with a current budget of over regulation of those who seek to influence it. The alterna-\$40 billion per year, farmers are still writing letters like this. I am truly in sympathy with this farmer but I seriously doubt whether, BSE compensation aside, there is any quick-fix solution. A mismanaged system has evolved which is neither in the interests of the consumer, the taxpayer nor even the farmers it was designed to protect. Terry Wynn MEP. Group on CAP Reform.

> /OUR farmer asks how his Y dairy farm can survive the quota cuts and increased quota prices that he now faces. The answer is that the aim of the CAP is that many farms do not survive. This is the price that has to be paid for the overproduction for

> growth of intensive farming, which has provided high yields. However, it has also involved the overuse of chemical fertilisers. These pollute rivers as well as remaining on the food we eat. It has involved the cramming together of thousands of animals in overcrowded sheds. This has led to misery for the animals, the spread of disease, and the production of more slurry than the land can absorb, again leading to river pollution. The increased agricultural output has actually been accompanied by a fall in mployment. Richard Mountford

76 Springfield Road. Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7DY.

tom because we have violated nature in every way, not only by turning animals that were herbivores into carnivores but also by polluting the land with chemical "fertilisers". In his arrogance, man thinks he can "improve" nature. He never will. Until we realise that we are the para-sites on this Earth — the only creatures that take, take, take and give nothing back — we will continue to ravish our planet and the only thing we

will succeed in doing is bring

A miscellany

about our own demise. Dorothy Adams. Church Crookham,

WO weeks ago Media Guardian reported that I was being dumped by the new-look Express. Sorry to disappoint, but I am still here. This week Media Guardian changed its tune. It now predicts such a long life for m here that I will suddenly adopt New Labour after years of being slavish to the Tories. This is as silly as branding Roy Greenslade a Maxwell toady because he held a brief tenure as editor of the Mirror. My political column at-tempts to break the inside stories and explain the current trends in affairs no matter whose toes it may sonash. Perhaps Mr Greenslade should try reading it. Chris Buckland.

17.

14 to 14

· 41 25

\*\*\* == \*

- F. N. P. L.

-

T - 10 Aug

Cont.

7" (\* Y)

and the same of

1423

\* \*

-- Cy 🚜

7 W X

\*\*\*\* **29** 

1- As-

151 Ent. 1

- 3 4 編

- Z.

Daily Express, 245 Blackfriars Road. London SE1 9UX.

ORE modern bollocks-speak (Letters, October 7): the current edition of a monthly newsletter I subscribe to announces a planned reduction in the number of issues as an "increase in periodicity". Geoff Meade. 23 Carlisle Avenue

St Albans, Herts AL3 5LU.

AVID Blunkett on BBC2's Conference Talk last Monday: "We have 300,000 children a year who are not reaching their chronological con." I cot generation? age." Lost generation? David Howarth. 43 Heywood Old Road

We may edit letters. We regret we cannot acknowledge those

Manchester M24 4QS.

### **A Country Diary**

sociable gathering. Someone commented approvingly on the wholesome look of the beef mince going into the basket of the woman at the front. "You should have seen what we sent to market this morning," she said. "Enough to make you weep. And they'll shouldn't wonder. Mad it is. Bloody mad." The young steers we met in a windy field on the latest parish footpath walk displayed plenty of dash and vigour. They stood idly together in a tight little group by the hedge before suddenly putting in a series of well-coordinated stampedes towards the huddled band of parishioners in anoraks, stranded in open territory, and trying to look confident, as if we knew it was just a game. They pulled up short each time. stared intently at us for a few moments, and then wheeled off to re-group for the next run. The walk was one of a series planned to re-open all the footpaths in the parish

SOMERSET: The queue at the | and re-furbish the stiles and butcher's shop makes a bridges. When one long-forgotten opening in a thick hedge was re-discovered, the gap that was backed through the jungle revealed an old stone stile flattened to the ground, and a long, stone slab that had once made a bridge over the wide ditch. A bus-load of conservation volall end up in the incinerator I unteers had camped overnight in the village hall and built the new, wooden stile and bridge. The parish councillor, who helps direct their efforts, had been hard-pressed to find the time because of his gathering of yewclippings. They are the raw materials for a cancer remedy. Helpers over a wide area collect the clippings which must be from the right sort of English yew, and which are rapidly collected by TNT van, refrigerated and whisked off to Le Mans, where work is in progress to extract from them the substance which, American research suggests, may do much good.

JOHN VALLINS



Many, particularly public-relations and legal firms with

political-consultancy arms, have chosen not to join and

are free to operate outside the

professional rules. Some continue to pay MPs. But even if APPC suspected malpractice, it would not have the

resources to investigate prop-

erly or to take on an offending

and probably litigious

issue of formal parliamentary

tive, to continue with the pres-

ent good old British muddle, could lead to more Greer-

Hamilton debacles.

Michael Craven.

Managing Director Market Access.

London SW1P 3JS.

member

Letters to the Editor

# In the last-chance saloon | You want solutions to the farm

Government or to take place within the short timescale you advocate (Leader, October 7). Nor is it evident that the English judicial process currently any cleaner than its parliamentary machinery.

As your letters column makes clear (October 7), very senior judges were complicit with the Government in changing Article 9 of the Bill of Rights and thus in further delaying a resolution.

The Committee on Stan-dards and Privileges was created when both of its predecessor bodies (the Committees of Privileges and of Members' Interests) had lost credibility because they were operating as functions of the government whips. The new committee should now be given a (last) chance to make parliamentary self-regulation work. It has precedents for both impartial-

ity and robust action. When I was arraigned before the Committee of Privi-leges in 1978, over the "Colo-nel B" affair, I was treated fairly and a fair report (along with a transcript of the pro-1947, when a Labour MP, Garry Allighan, patently lied to the Privileges Committee, he was expelled from Parlia-ment by the House of Commons itself. If the Prime Min-

OUR plea for a Tribunal of Inquiry into the Hamilton case is unlikely ask Sir Gordon Downey and ilton case is unlikely ask Sir Gordon Downey and the APPC can only regulate firms which choose to join lighan precedent and bring a Many, particularly publiclighan precedent and bring a motion from the committee before the House so that it can resolve the matter, if not within his three-week timescale, at any rate well before Christmas. Christopher Price. 9 Pickwick Road, London SE21 7JN.

> AS THE Greer-Hamilton story exploded over Blackpool I reflected on the fact that the US Congress has more powers over my British-registered, Westminster-based

sited with the Hous

Two years ago the Com-

that they establish a system of their employees which pre-

political consultancy than the House of Commons. As my company advises US companies, we are bound by the provisions of the Foreign and Corrupt Practises Act of the United States. Officers acting on behalf of Congress have a right to inspect my books. mons suggested to the leading political-consultancy firms

self-regulation. The Associa-tion of Professional Political Consultants (APPC) was eslisting firms, consultants and clients. There is a code of con-

### O we really need lobby ists? Preying as they appear to do on the gullibility of MPs, one wonders whether tablished. There is now a this dublous import from the register, publicly available, US is really necessary. Surely research and do not need the prodding from vested interduct binding on all firms and lests to formulate their vents payments of any sort to Julian Siann. MPs which we have incorpo- 9 Bay Road, Wormit, rated into the contracts of em- Newport-on-Tay DD6 8LU.

# ME and ABC1s

ister really wants the matter

THERE is no evidence to support Martin Jacques's view that ME is primarily a disease of the successful middle classes (MR and me October 5). Nor is there any evidence that it is more likely than many other medical conditions to be stress-related. Nobody is sure what causes ME or indeed whether apparently similar cases have the same aetiology. Nor are stress and overwork the prerogative of eighties western high-filers. Pre-industrial peasants worked long hours. Not many people in Kabul can be sitting about listening to Patricia de Wolfe

London SE13 7PW. WHY are we always of-fered partial explana-tions for ME? Martin Jacques edited Marxism Today so wants to blame society and especially Thatcher's eighties. Dr Simon Wessley, a leading advocate of the Royal Col-

7 Princes Rise.

and therefore determined that ME is partly "in the mind". Both ignore important facts: ME lasts from six months to 20 years or more, so Jacques's

experience is atypical. It afflicts increasing numbers of children, unlikely sufferers from stress, and it is by no means confined to young or Doctors should not blame the patients: they should in-

crease their research and listen to ME victims. Cynthia Floud. 21 Savernake Road London NW3 2JT.

THERE were other events in the 1980s — uncon-

nected with yuppies might explain the chronic fatigue of Martin Jacques. Mr Jacques edited a magazine, Marxism Today, whose central thesis was that, with a little bit of tinkering, Stalinism would be okay. But Mr Jacques is an intelligent man. He would have

THINK IVE GOT M.E.

CAN

TELEPHONA

known in the early eighties long before many people of international communism was on the verge of collapse. His whole life was a sham No wonder he felt tired. Robert Armstrong. 37 Hawes Road,

Whatever happened to Mr Smith? He took cash for questions, too --- and just look where it got him!

SPARE a moment today to remember | in any way. No one has ever asked how the forgotten man in the whole sleaze affair: Tim Smith MP. Mr Smith, it will be recalled, was one of two MPs we originally accused of taking large sums of cash in return for asking questions. Mr Smith, in contrast with Neil Hamilton, had the honesty (on the second time of asking, anyway) to admit the truth of the allegations and resigned. (It is an interesting sidelight on the affair that the Government had known about his backhanders for some time. Such is Mr Major's dedication to fighting sleaze that he only gave the green light to his resignation once the Guardian's story had been published.)

At this point Gentleman's Club rules prevailed. A chap had done the decent thing, and that was that. Not one MP complained about his behaviour - 17 questions for cash --- and so no House of Commons Committee has ever asked The committee's job is to ensure prohim a single question or punished him bity in government spending.

he was paid, when he was paid, with whom he was paid and via whom he was paid. These are all matters relevant to the Hamilton case and it is clearly right that whichever body is eventually charged with looking into him should also look at Mr Smith. A humble citizen who pleads guilty to a serious crime is entitled for that admission to be a mitigating consideration. It is not held to be a reason for not having a trial or not passing sentence. Why should MPs be any different?

Mr Smith's progress since his resignation has been a touching illustration of the rewards for good chapism. He is still an MP in a safe seat with prospects that look ever rosier. He was recently appointed to the Public Accounts Committee and is already being tipped to be its Chairman after the next election. My Jenny, cruelly handicapped by a cold society POR THE four-and-a-half preservation of its precious faced with the reality of soci-years of her brief life I was life. It was not her handicaps ety as it is, might choose to

proud to be the father of of a | which created Hell in my life. beautiful but massively All she created was love and handicapped little girl (Letters, October 1 and 4). She lived in which handicapped was blind, incontinent, inca-pable of speech or verbal comprehension, and totally dependent upon others. She never knew my name, but she came to know my grip, my touch and my voice and loved me as she never loved

Could screening have pre-

dequates who saw handicap solely as a problem to be solved rather than a chal-

the lives of many others. I can understand how so

Peter Avery. 59 Marchmont Street London WCIN LAP.

# aren in the second nson Smith

tions to the fam hese for starter E STATE OF THE STA

er frame over

75 mg - 1

i gyven i e

**建** 30.000 · 1 **建** والمراجع والموادية

St. Car 100 A 100 -

3 Jan - -

a secret

## Diary Matthew Norman

Smuch on behalf of his mother Hilda as myself, I am appalled to learn that Michael Howard has developed a new habit: he has become a gambler. A young woman placed next to him at a dinner table recently says that, although he started out crotchety (due, we think, to a nascent cold; you know what he's like when he wants his Night Nurse), he soon mellowed when the chat turned to security video cameras. Only when the subject was horse-rac-ing however, did he truly come to life. For Michael, who has developed a pas-sion for flat racing, held forth with confidence about the forthcoming Arc de Triomphe, in which he said the dead cert was English Derby winner Sharmit; he himself would be having a big bet. As Diary tipster teptoe might have warned him, Sharmit in fact had no chance in Sunday's Arc. coming home a distant seventh to easy winner Helissio. So Michael lost the lot (in the argot of the betting shop, he did his bol-locks) — and it's enough to break a mother's heart. Please God, Hilda Howard never finds out. With those colds, she has enough to worry about already.

T the Tory Conference, the champion memo-writer David
Willetts is keeping busy. At
the Conservative Political
Centre's fringe meeting at the Pavilion this evening, he is booked as star speaker The debate is titled: "Standards in Parliament and public service." Hats off, David!

ITH Fergie in such disgrace, it is vital that the remaining Royal women do their bit to restore a bit of dignity — and to this end, Princess Michael of Kent has been doing good works. Marie-Christine (or M-C, as she asks me and my so-called rival Nigel Dempster to call her — Nigel says that such ually) went to Watford last week to open a hospice and according to the Watford Observer, she "displayed grace, charm, dignity and genuine interest". However, fears grow about her recognition factor. throughout the visit, M-C wore a badge with her name on it. Very Dame Edna Everage, perhaps, but it's hardly regal. Bring back Fergie. At least we know

T the Mirror Group. Monty Montgomery continues his campaign to make Rosie Boycott the first woman broadsheet editor in modto take over from Peter Wilby, who has done such an excellent job running the Independent on Sunday on a shoestring. However, Independent editor Andrew Marr is against the plan he was seen emerging from Monty's office on Friday in a frightful bait — while a small group of journalists is threatening to quit if Miss Boycott is appointed, saying she has no newspaper experience. "It's a rumour, ages," says an irritable Miss Boycott. So it's completely and utterly untrue? "Uhb hub." We shall see.

OPPING up on yester-day's Today pro-gramme was the health minister John Horam, a man who is so passionate about political loyalty that he feels obliged to share it around all the parties (before joining the Tories, he was a Labour and then an SDP MP). Mr Horam was explaining why he has decided not to compensate haemophiliacs infected with Hepatitis Cafter NHS blood transfusions . . . and it's quite simple, really. The reason, he said, is that they were given the best treatment available at the time". This is intriguing. Apologies for being a bit obvious here, but if being given improperly screened blood infected with a lethal disease is the best treatment available, what will happen should standards ever slip?

ABOUR Party members have been sent a ballot paper asking them whether (or not) they support the manifesto New Labour, New Life For Britain. "Mark box thus X", says the instruction. "Avoid using red ink if possible."



# Clean hands but corrupted hearts

Commentary Hugo Young

OHN Major is an honourable man. So are they all, all honourable men. By their definition, they can be no other. They say so sincerely. Several have said that their business connections have "nothing to do with the fact that I'm a Member of Parliament". Neil Hamilton says it, too. When he said he had no financial relationship with Ian Greer, he meant it.

It is important to under-stand, in all the discussion of ruth and honour and unconflicted interest that the outrage the Prime Minister hammered into David Frost's breakfast table on Sunday was genuine, from his soul. The sharpest discovery of recent days is this. It's not that a lot of sinister people have been privately milking the political system to protect or advance their personal in-terests, but that a lot of honourable people sincerely believe their own conduct to have been unchallengeable.

This is the British political disease. Financial corruption may not be systemic. Compared with other countries,

we don't get many public men | ther aptitude for it later, as with dirty hands. But intellect the ministerial spin-doctor of tual corruption — the sooth-ing belief in permanent moral of two bit-part players in the story. The first is David Willetts, Paymaster-General, and formerly a whip. The second is the Lord Chancellor, the sainted Scotsman, Lord

Mackay of Clashfern. Each has allowed us a closer under-standing of the British The conversation Mr Wil-letts recorded in the Whips' Book, now published verbatim in several newspapers and not the stuff of everyday politics. On the day the Guardian published the first story about Mr Hamilton taking cash for ask-ing questions, the whip discussed it with the chairman of the Members' Interests Committee, Sir Geoffrey Johnson

Smith. An alert young opera-tor got together with a managerial veteran to consider the problem of damage-limitation. There was nothing odd about this to either man Although Sir Geoffrey might one day be judge and juror in the matter, he wasn't yet. Later maybe. But this was Day One, a day for all good corridor-pol-iticians to come to the aid of

the Scott Report. That, too, was an episode that roused Mr innocence — is rife. The gulf | Major to paroxysms of selfbetween what politicians think is wrong and what the public thinks is wrong is something that many politicians have ceased to recognise. Consider the behaviour ing set it up and must therefore be exonerated from the smallest scintilla of ignobility: the line he is taking about Sir Gordon Downey now.

But when the Scott Report was published, the entire Government, prompted by Mr Major and aided by Mr Willetts, behaved like political partisans. Mr Willetts was sent out to garnish his dubious reputation as a Tory intel-lectual with more promising conduct as an economise with the truth. Vast effort was poured into asserting that Sir Richard Scott had not said what he did say. But this was more than cynical manipula-tion. While Scott was inquiring, I had talked, as it happens, with every Cabinet minister under scrutiny. Each, without exception, be-lieved in the total integrity of his actions at all times. Mr Willetts and Mr Major were only giving what they thought was an entirely legiti-mate corrective to the foul rumours swirling round British public life.

Mr Major hasn't gone quite that far about Neil Hamilton. But he has offered not a word the party.

Whips are doing this all the ference from Hamilton's stuntume. Mr Willetts showed furning surrender. Quite the op-

The only way for the Government not to be swept away by the current wave of

sleaze, says **Vernon Bogdanor**, is to set up a tribunal of inquiry immediately

posite. His outrage throws light on another definitional problem in all this talk about truth and justice, which was last week. Belatedly aware of posed by the changing of the the misunderstanding to

The Defamation Bill, it will be recalled, was suddenly amended in order to enable A wretched little piety — an individual MP to waive the though he was surely unparliamentary privilege conferred by the 1688 Bill of covertly whipped by the Government of the covertly whipped by the Government of the covertly whipped by the Government of the covernment of Rights, which protected the proceedings of Parliament from question in the courts. The constitution was changed, with almost no de bate, to ensure that the Ham

ilton libel case could be tried. No one on the Guardian complains about the action being thus facilitated. We had a case we wanted to see tried and won in court. But the circumstances of the constitutional amendment become shoddier with each disclo-sure. They tell you yet more

intellectual corruption, the belief in permanent moral innocence, is rife

truth, involving politicians but also judges.

The first judge was Lord Hoffman. In the Lords, he advanced the case for the change, with the appearance of hesitation but with the eventual certitude of a jurist from Olympus. He admitted the change was big, and ac-knowledged there was a case for taking a more measured look. But having seduced his listeners with these bows towards detachment, he found them the more willing to surrender to his unjudicial insistence that something must immediately be done.

Lord Chancellor. They were in secret cahoots. He half-admitted this to the Guardian open, he retrained from vot-ing with the 157 peers who saw his amendment through. A wretched little piety ernment, Downing Street rampant, behind the continu-Of the second judge, Lord Mackay, such innocence is harder to believe. In the

ing pretence that this was a judicial not a political matter Lords, he too affected indiffer-ence. "As regards the amendment, the Government are neutral," he stated. There was no official 'view upon the matter". Loftly, from the Woolsack, he gave his judicial benediction. At the time, this was hard enough to credit. Now, these purring, unctu-ous words are revealed to

have been blatantly misleading. The Prime Minister himwas he, on the Frost programme, to smash suggestions of a cover-up that he gave the game away. "If the Government were concerned about perverting the natural course of justice, why did I help steer a Bill through the House of Commons so that Neil Hamilton could take his case to court?" he almost shouted at his interlocutor.
In the world of politics, the Lord Chancellor's dissembling would normally be regarded as an understand-able expedient. Even now, if I call it scandalous, which I do, I am as liable to be berated for my naïveté as to be arraigned for contempt of his noble lordship. These ministers have come to believe that the mere fact that words and actions are theirs, unfailingly performed for the best of all possible reasons, guarantees their rectitude. In their eyes, they

# I remember the law to enable Hamilton to bring his action. The Defamation Bill, it will the misunderstanding to which his behaviour was open, he refrained from voting with the 157 nears who won the election



AVID Dimbleby was beginning to get very cross. "There seems to be some sort of glitch on the computer. These results, surely, are the 1992 ones, not the new ones. The technicians are obviously working to sort it out." But frantic whispering told him he was wrong. The results of the General Election of 1997 were remarkably simi lar to those of 1992 — astonish-ingly so, given the passage of time and the state of the polls, which had been predicting a Labour victory with even more certainty than the last time. But there was no

There was the odd scattered Labour gain. But improved Labour performances in Lib-Con marginals, some Tory gains resulting from improved SNP performances in Scot-land, and the Referendum Party's unexpected appeal to Labour voters cancelled them out. The Conservatives began their fifth successive term with their majority back to 21. Peter Kellner suggested we might now be seeing an ex-

treme version of the original Butler-Stokes theory that voting patterns are conditioned by family background and habit, and that people might now be addicted to voting the way they had done in past General Elections. It emerged that the Conser-

vative ploy of putting hardly any policies at all in the manifesto, because there was nothing the Prime Minister wanted to do, and nothing on which his party could agree. proved to be surprisingly popular with an electorate weary with politicians who want to do things all the time. And later research showed voters had been living with the idea of Tony Blair as PM-in-waiting for so long that they became bored with it, treated Labour as though they were the Government and wanted to kick them out.

tiating with publishers over his memoirs. The growing unpopularity of boring self-justifying tomes meant the offers on this were less high than he had hoped. However, Mr Major had assured the publishers that he would confine the book to his achievements as Prime Minister and it would thus be quite short. He then said he intended to stay on in Downing Street into the next millennium as he wanted to outlast "the old bat". This was presumed to be a reference to cricket. Mr Major had to restructure | ministration went like this . . .

the Government to reflect the right-wing shift among Tory MPs. Mr Heseltine and Mr Clarke retired to the backbenches. A number of ministers who had resigned in long-forgotten sleaze scandals of the fourth term were quietly brought back. The appointment of John Redwood to the Treasury had been expected but the choice of Neil Hamil-ton as Chief Secretary caused adverse comment in the Guardian.

At the PM's insistence, the Chancellor kept Britain's op-tions open over EMU. He said a decision would be made when "hell freezes over". Per ceptive commentators divined that global warming meant it was unlikely to happen in the current Parliament. Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr Hugh Dykes were rumoured to be considering crossing the floor. They didn't. Mr Blair resigned as Labour

leader and retreated to the Bar. Many of his closest supporters gave up and retreated to various wine, tapas and Freuch-style café-bars. Others declared they had been Old Labour all along. Lord Hattersley wrote pieces condemn-ing Labour's election strategy in every national newspaper. most days. Clare Short be-came party leader. Harriet Harman led a few unrecon-structed Old-New Labour supporters into alliance with Charles Kennedy's Liberal Democrats.

Opposition to the Govern-ment shifted outside the Commons. Internet discussion groups formulated the theory that the election had been rigged, since no one had met anyone who admitted having voted Conservative. The Guardian published evidence proving "irregularities" in some marginal constituencies. Mr Major said he was horrified and that the Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges would report before Britain joined EMU. Cynicism about this led to

sporadic outbreaks of violence in some inner-city areas. These flared into major clashes with the new Group 4 police force on the site of the proposed Salisbury by-pass. During the PM's absence at the European Inter-Governmental Conference, Deputy PM Howard and Home Secre-tary Portillo sent in Securicor troops to quell the distur-Initially, everyone was bances, and a soldier guarding stunned, including John Sir Edward Heath's home was killed by a rock.

Mr Major returned and said that, in view of continuing doubts about the election result, he proposed to call a further poll and opponents should "put up or shut up". A wave of pro-law-and-order sentiment, combined with voter fatigue about the idea of Clare Short as Prime-Minister-inwaiting, led to a massive Conservative majority over the Liberal Democrats and all four Labour parties: New, Old, Old-New, and New-Old. The story of the sixth successive Conservative ad-

# Put the House in o

ton and other MPs are "poisoning British politics", John the Speaker, the equivalent of being attacked with a feather told David Frost on the Commons, while the Speaker at the constant of th

that Sir Gordon lacks the power to settle anything. All that he can do is to investigate complaints and report to the Committee on Standards and Privileges. That committee on make a recommendapower to settle anything. All that he can do is to investigate complaints and report to the Committee on Standards and Privileges. That committee can make a recommendation on a penalty to the House of Commons as a whole, and it is then up to the House to take action.

Willingness of the Select Committee to ignore party considerations. The allegation that as a government whip, David Willetts sought to influence Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the Select Committee on Members' Interests, is bound to cast doubt on the new Select Committee's find.

take action.
The Committee on Stan-The Committee on Stardards and Privileges, like the office of Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, was established in July 1995 following the report of the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life. It has 11 members and is chaired by Tony Newton, the Leader of the House. Its party composition broadly reflects that of the House as a whole: a matrix it is in the interest both of Tony Newton, the Leader of

Conservatives.

How satisfactory are these arrangements? They depend crucially on two factors. The first is the willingness of the and his fellow MPs that they Commons to be firm with transgressors. That willing ness was put in grave doubt the right, surely, to defend by the failure of the Commons to penalise Sir Jerry Wiggin, Conservative MP for Weston-Super-Mare, in May last year. Sir Jerry had tabled amendments under the name of an support of them, an adequate other MP without the latter's opportunity of preparing a de- it discovered to be unfounded. | money and other favours as a | University

Major told David Frost on Sunday. They must be resolved as rapidly as possible. The Prime Minister added that has asked Sir Gordon Downey, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, to "settle it" quickly.

The trouble is, however, that Sir Gordon lacks the recover to settle anything. All willingness of the Select Com-

new Select Committee's findings, however fairly they are reached. Tony Newton and his colleagues are honourable men and women. But their findings, especially if Hamilton is exonerated, will not command public acceptance.
Justice will not be seen to have been done.

Given the seriousness of

the House as a whole: a ma-jority of its members are rarilament and government that they be rapidly resolved by a body totally untainted by party interests. It is in the interest also of Mr Hamilton themselves against hostile allegations. This involves being informed precisely what these allegations are and the

longer be restored by an in-ternal investigation but only by an outside inquiry carried out by persons of proven impartiality.

In 1966, the Salmon Com-mission declared that a

mation-wide crisis of confi-dence" should be investigated by a statutory tribunal ap-pointed under the Tribunals in that over-heated summer of Enquiry (Evidence) Act of 1921. Such a tribunal enjoys all the powers of a High Court. It can enforce the attendance of witnesses and examine them under oath. It may also authorise those ap-pearing before it to be legally

represented.
Tribunals of this kind have been widely used to investigate matters arousing public disquiet. Such a tribunal investigated the alleged Budget leak of 1936, leading to the resignation of the Colonial Secretary, Jimmy Thomas. In life and that the wild allegations of the Lympkov Tribunal tions concerning the sexual 1948, the Lynskey Tribunal investigated the bribery of a junior minister in the Labour government, John Belcher, these allegations could have who was forced to resign both from government and from Parliament. In 1957, a tribunal investigated the alleged improper disclosure of information relations relations relations to the propert of the tribunal investigated the alleged improper disclosure of information relations to the resign his seat. That is the only way in which his administration can overcome the tide of sleaze which now threatens to engulf it.

1972 and the conduct of the Crown Agents in 1982. In almost every case, the report of the tribunal alleviated public disquiet and defused what

current events, however, is the Profumo affair of 1963. That concerned sex and security rather than money, and it was dealt with, not by a statutory tribunal, but by a non-statutory inquiry under Lord Denning. The Denning Report of 1963, when it was alleged that one Conservative Cabinet minister served drinks at parties wearing only an apron and a mask, while another was believed to consort with prostitutes under a bush in Richmond Park.

ORD Denning, how-ever, showed that the activities of Profumo had not given rise to any security tions concerning the sexual

substance of the evidence in mation relating to the raising that the report of the tribunal of the bank rate, an allegation finds him guilty of accepting of Government at Oxford

HE ALLEGATIONS knowledge, on matters in fence and of being assisted by against Neil Hamilwhich Str Jerry had an interton and other MPs are "poisoning Brit caped with a reprimand from cross-examination, evidence of the control of th mons to act. What penalty should it exact?

The ultimate penalty is expulsion from the House. That penalty has been exacted only twice since the war, once in 1954 against a convicted forger, Peter Baker, who would in any case have been

The other occasion was in 1947 against the Labour MP Garry Allighan, who had de-ceived a House of Commons committee, alleging falsely that MPs were releasing details of private party meetings to the press for financial gain. In fact, it was Allighan who had been leaking such information.

The Leader of the House moved a resolution suspending Allighan from the House for six months during which he would be deprived of his salary. From the opposition benches, Quintin Hogg, later Lord Hallsham, moved an amendment cailing for the ex-pulsion of Allighan. This amendment was carried in a House with a large Labour majority.

The offences of which Neil Hamilton is accused are far more serious. John Major, therefore, should set up a tribunal without delay, and declare that any MP found guilty of serious impropri-eties ought to resign his seat.

Vernon Bogdanor is Professor

- A SYSTEM IN PRACTICE FOR OVER 60 YEARS

The Wa	llguard co	eramio	tube	system	of damp
proofing	has been i	in use	in anc	ient an	d famous
buildings	for many	y year	s. A p	rime ex	cample is
Westmins	ter Abbey	in wh	ich the	system	was first
fitted i	n 1932		and	was	recently
added to	by Wallgo	eard.			4110

 No internal plaster disturbed to match wall Ceramic tubes tailor made to fit any thickness of wall

You can have the Wallgaard system installed in your home to combat rising damp or replace a conventional damp proof course that has failed.

Since Wallgnard is normally fitted from the outside, internal wall surfaces and decorations need not be disturbed — unless they are already badly affected.

Rrick, Stone, Granite etc.

Wallguard today.	Whatever thickne we can do			Y
	t <u>uthoniy</u> & Building S			
NO MAINTEN	ANCE NO	) MESS	NO	<b>FUSS</b>
Also ask about or	ur condensation at	rd mould con	trol servic	<b>-</b>
VA/A I		IIA	DI	
VVAL	_LU	JA	П	
		~ I		
YC	DU'RE HOME A	ND DRY		

For further details or to arrange for a survey PHONE US FREE ON 0800 508608

IN IN SITE CORPORT.	- no lostet reference en ambien autoriene auto erre
	on has failed Do existing damp proof course proof course has failed Dondensation Control mate damp once and for all
Name	G4
Telephone	Address

# Doing the decent thing

who has died aged 74. was a handsome cian, who served garet Thatcher as chief whip (1973-79), before volunteering to fill the bloodied boots left ing as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland for two frus-

trating years (1979-81).
As Lord Privy Seal he then served as Lord Carrington's No 2 in the Foreign Office (1981-82). His unnotable service there came to an abrupt end when Lord Carrington's insistence on withdrawing the seagoing gunboat HMS Endurance was interpreted by the Argentine junta as a green light to invade the Falk-lands. In 1982, Humphrey Atkins, along with Peter Car-rington, "did the decent thing" and resigned.

So grateful was Mrs Thatcher for his services that she knighted him in 1983 and wanted him as Speaker, in-stead of Bernard Weatherill who was not so amenable to her demands. This move. however, was frustrated by a 'peasants' revolt" of backbench MPs who insisted on having Weatherill. Always loyal to her courtiers, Mrs Thatcher also tried to make him Leader of the Lords in 1987 in succession to the ailing Lord Whitelaw, just after Humphrey was elevated as Lord Colnbrook. Lord Wakeham was given the job

His entry into politics had been prompted by his war-time romance and then marriage to Maggie, youngest daughter of the "lino king" of Kirkaldy, Sir Robert Spencer-Nairn, who was also president of the Scottish Unionists. Such a connection was crucial to an ambitious young man who, apart from his education at Wellington College had no marketable family

ORD COLNBROOK, served on the Atlantic con-who has died aged voys during the war, came Ireland, where he followed out of the Royal Navy in 1946. and affable politi- he did not have the money to to go to university (a fact he both Edward Heath and Mar- later regretted). His first job saret Thatcher as chief whip was with his father in-law's firm in Kirkcaldy. Failing in his first bid for parliament in 1951, when he fought West Lo-Airey Neave by the IRA, serv | thian, he went south to continue his political career. meanwhile working for his father-in-law's London office and then for the firm's advertising agents. By the time he won the Surrey constituency of Merton and Morden in 1955, he could afford three homes for his growing family, including one at Bembridge

> When Thatcher challenged Heath for the Tory

> leadership, Atkins insisted the whips remained neutral

on the Isle of Wight. He remained MP for Merton and Morden until 1970 and thereafter, until 1987, for nearby Spelthorne.

His career in the Tory whips office had begun in op-position in 1967. When the Tories returned to power in 1970 he became deputy chief whip (or treasurer of HM Household), and in 1973 Ed-ward Heath made him chief whip and a privy councillor. He had the reputation of being a "softer" whip than his predecessor, Francis Pym, and more willing to listen to rebel MPs acting out of principle. But he showed stronger backbone than expected when Mrs Thatcher challenged Mr Heath for the leadership in 1975, insisting that the whips' office, as the custodian of the long-term interests of the my father.' His toughest job was as Sec-

Roy Mason, a Labour rightwinger who had been popular in the Province. When he was appointed, he was mocked in a Belfast headline: "Hum-phrey Who?" One anecdote ridiculed his lack of local knowledge: shown a map during his first days, he asked what was the area coloured orange? They were the Protestant loyalists he was told. And the green patches? Those were the Catholic republicans. And the blue area? After some hesitation, "That. Secretary of State, is Lough

Jokes aside, his life in the province was made hell by instant results to be imposed on Ulster's warring politi-cians and, in his final months, by IRA hunger strikes. Overall, much of his time was spent attempting to find some form of devolved government to take the place of direct rule from London. But despite painstaking nego-tiation, no consensus could be reached, and he had to admit that all his initiatives had run

His marriage in 1944, was, in his wife's words, the union of a "very phlegmatic and easy-going Anglo-Saxon" and an "emotional Celt, very irritable at times". It was to last 52 years and produce a son, three daughters and eight grandchildren.

They had met when he was a 19-year-old sub-lieutenant off a destroyer sunk on Atlantic convoy duty and she was a birdlike, impressionable 17year-old, amused at the familiar clothes worn by the young officer to attend a shoot on her father's Scottish sunk and he'd lost all his clothes," she recalled. "He had nothing but one rather smart naval uniform, so he borrowed everything from



Bridging the divide . . . Humphrey Atkins served the Tory cause in both Houses

phrey Atkins was one of those rare British politicians who was equally at home with all political parties and at both-ends of the Palace of Westminster. I first got to know him well in 1978, when we were both opposition chief whips in our respective Houses. He was coming to the end of his time in the job and I was starting out in it. I could not have had a better mentor, and this was far more often by example than by verbal advice. With at least one weekly meeting for just over a parliamentary year, I was given an invaluable grounding as to how politics should be managed and most of all in the patience that this entailed. It was thanks to him that I got to know his opposite

number, the then government

chief whip, almost as well, and learn too that the ma-

chinery of government only tween the Houses more com-really works for the benefit of prehensively and in a shorter really works for the benefit of the country if there is mutual respect and consent between the various opposing factions. With the change of govern-ment in 1979, I found it fascinating to watch from a distance the administrative

skills that I had so much admired being engaged in executive responsibilities, first in Northern Ireland and then at the Foreign Office. He did indeed do "the decent thing" at the time of the Falklands, and carried the doctrine of ministerial responsibility to its logical and honourable conclusion by resigning when things go wrong, whether or not it is the fault of the individual concerned

When, as Lord Colnbrook, he came to fill a well-earned place in the House of Lords, he managed to bridge the gap

time than very many others It is no little tribute to him in this respect that, in 1990, his peers elected him to the post, all important in that House, of Chairman of the Associa tion of Conservative Peers. the Lords' equivalent of the House of Commons' 1922 Committee, which he filled with distinction and universal satisfaction for almost five

He will be sadly missed and long remembered. He and Maggie his wife must be taken as one of the most successful and affectionate parliamentary partnerships of modern years.

Humphrey Edward Gregory Atkins (Lord Colnbrook of Waltham St Lawrence), politician, born August 12, 1922; **Roy Guest** 

# Howff life and superstars

Floyd, the Incredible String Band and Fairport Convention, brought American artists like Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys, Tom-Paxton, Frank Zappa and Buffy Sainte Marie to Britain; put on London's first Simon and Garfunkel concert and introduced Jacques Brel to Brit-ain. But his heart was in folk music, which he played and promoted in large and small venues across the country.

When he started out in the 1950s with Roy's Guest Nights at the Royal Festival Hall he was a "successful" folk artist

having made, by 1958, three
records. He moved to Edinburgh and, together with Jim Haynes of the Traverse Theatre set up the Howst, which in Scots means a haunt where friends get together. The Howf was more than a

folk club: it housed a record and book library and a coffee bar. It also reflected Roy's atevent as much for taking part in as for listening to. He opened the Howf with the diseuse Martha Schlamme, accompanied by a white-tie-andtails pianist. By the end of the week she was doing three

shows a day. Roy Guest was born in Izmir. Turkey, and educated at Bedales, then at the Central School of Speech and Drama. After rep in Bromley and Ipswich, he taught at Summerhill, AS Neill's famous school. Later, turned on by a scratchy Pete Seeger disc, he busked the streets of London, Canada, and the US.

The success of the Howff led to Guest being, as he put it, "tempted" into working for for impressario Harold Davi-son. He moved on to the English Folk Dance and Song Society, then to Nems Enter prises. "I made a lot of money," said Guest, "but I had stopped asking myself 'Is it good?. Instead I was asking born March 13, Will it fill the Albert Hall? I September 23, 1996

N THE 1960s Roy Guest, didn't like the person I had who has died aged 62, promoted bands like Pink tract and went to Greece for a tract and went to Greece for a year's rethinking.

Back in London, he opened a new Howif, near Primrose Hill, London (the third -Guest had run another Howlf in New York's Greenwich VII lage). "A howff is a howff is a howff," he said. "It isn't a felk club — that's only the haif of the howff." Besides folk par-



he needed funding for his club and was referred by the Arts Council to Camdon Borough council, which turned him down on the grounds that the Howlf would eventually make a profit. Eventually the Howff closed and he ran a delicatessan in

Hampstead. He lived his later life in Faversham, Kent. He joined the Labour Party, criticising its bureaucracy at every oppor-tonity. He left the party and in 1996 stood unsucce as an independent candidate for Faversham town council. He was married three times and has a daughter, Lynn, by

Eric Winter

Roy Guest, concert promoter born March 13, 1934; died

Masaki Kobayashi

# Sensitive tales of war, peace and samurais

rector Masaki Kobayashi, who has died aged 80, would have become had he not suffered brutality as a private in the Japanese army, and then further humiliations as a prisoner of war, for it was these experiences that permeated almost his entire

The sensitive Kobayashi studied philosophy and oriental art at Tokyo University, before joining the Shochiku studios as assistant director in 1941. But he was soon drafted, and in 1945 was taken prisoner by the Chinese or the island of Okinawa. On his return to Shochiku he worked as assistant and scriptwriter to Kelsake Kinoshito, whose social realism influenced Ko-bayashi's earliest films as

One of them, The Thick Walled Room (Kabe atsuik heva), was about the injustice of junior officers being imprisoned as war criminals while their superiors went free. It was made in 1953, but prevented its release until 1956, although its portrayal of the American army is more favourable than that of the

His obsession with the military was also evident in River (Kuroi kawa), 1957, which revealed the corruption at military bases in Japan where whores, gamblers and gangsters preyed on Ameri-

T IS interesting to specu- | can soldiers. It made a star of | sent to the army. The second | It deals with Japanese war | late what kind of film di- | 24-year-old Tatsuya Nakadai, | film, Road to Eternity (1960), | guilt, imperialism. fascism. who became almost as wellknown in the West as Toshiro

> Kobayashi cast Nakadai as the protagonist in his harrow-ing war trilogy The Human Condition (Ningen no joken). In the first film, No Greater Love (Kaji, 1959) Nakadai plays a young pacifist during the second world war who accepts a job as a mine supervisor in Manchuria, where he finds the workers exploited and ill-treated. For rebelling

rested and tortured and then

ilar brutality. When Japan is (1961) follows his escape in the snow and his efforts to get

Based on Jumpei Gomikawa's monumental novel, over *Hymn to a Tied Man* the nine-hour trilogy conveys (*Nippon no sheishun*), 1968. a its humanist message contemporary tale about a through an almost documen middle-aged man faced with tary-like visual treatment, his memories of desertion while not neglecting the and punishment, and Tokyo wider symbolism of the story. Trial (Tokyo saiban), 1982, a

film, Road to Elernity (1960), deals with Kaji's life in the barracks, where he finds simdefeated he is interned in a one another in the name of Soviet labour camp. The last ideology. Encouraging paralepisode, A Soldier's Prayer lels between his life and work, Kobayashi claimed, "I am Kaji in the film."

The traumas of the second world war continued to hang four-and-a-half hour docu- | unemployed. One of them mentary depicting Japanese aggression in Asia, using footage of the post-war trial of war criminals.

However, significant as these films are, their rather underlined polemics and preoccupation with the Japanes military and pacifist themes have made them less acceptable in the West than Kobaya shi's two most celebrated period films, both of which won Special Jury prizes at

Harakiri (1962) told how, at the end of the civil war in 1630, many samurais were left

(played by Nakadai) visits a feudal lord, and when denied service carries out the ritual

While remaining true to the traditions of the chambara films (about the samural, featuring swordfights). Kobayashi manages to criticise the rigid codes of honour. The brutal tale, beautifully composed on the wide screen — the battle on the windswept heath is particularly fine — is skilfully told in flashbacks.

Kingidan (1964) consists of four eerie ghost stories based on stories by Lafcadio Hearn. Although taken from a western writer, the tales (kwaidan means ghost story), peopled with samurais. Buddhist monks and lute players, are told in the haunting imagery derived from Japanese art The Oscar-nominated film took five years to prepare and one to shoot, making it one of the most expensive Japanese pictures to date.

Masaki Kobayashi continued to work into the 1980s. and although he became curmudgeonly in later years and drifted to the far right politi-cally, he never abandoned his deep concern about Japanese war guilt and the need for human dignity in all circumstances

Masaki Kobayashi, film director, born February 14, 1916; died Oc-tober 4, 1996

built a beautiful house. One

Letters

Father Aodh O'Halpin writes: | Church itself. I was very for-I shed tears for the passing of | tunate to see him just two Douglas Hyde (obituary, September 2D. He laughed so joyfully, and was so full of hope for a better world. He used to come to the Columban Seminary in

Ireland in the late 1950s to prepare us for missionsary work. He conducted a "Red Week" about the evils of the type of communism he had left. I later met him in the Philippines where he worked revolutionary leaders from

We maintained a close relationship through the years because he had a great interest in liberation theol-

weeks before he died along with Colin Murphy, a missionary who had worked in Burma. Douglas was so much in touch with the recent events there. I half expected him to fly off to assist Aung San Suu Kyi. His socialism and my Christianity never seemed to be in conflict. The Communist Party and the Catholic Church both proved to be unworthy to channel the fire, love and commitment of this man for justice.

Rod Burnham writes: I'm sur-Joan Perry (October 2) did not point out that she was the ogy, though he had ceased to expect anything from the institution of the Catholic Columbia films.

Birthdays

Speaker of the Commons. 67: Prof Garth Chapman, zoologist, 79; Chevy Chase, actor. 53; Milner Gray, artist and founder partner, Design Research Unit, 97; Alan Igglesden, cricketer, 32; The Rev Jesse Jackson, US civil rights leader, 55; Alasdair Milne, broadcaster, 66; Dr Cesar Milstein CH, biologist and biochemist, 69; Bel Mooney, writer and broadcaster, 50; Richard Morris, director. Council for British Archaeology. 49; Blake Morrison, poet, literary editor, 46; Dame Merle Park, director, Royal Ballet School, 59; Ray Rear-don, snooker champion, 64; Lord Romsey, film producer,

When the pigs saw the wolf,

they ran into the house of straw. The wolf ran up to the

door, shouting. "Little pigs, little pigs, let me in!" The pigs

shouted back, "Your gunboat

house and banged on the

Betty Boothroyd MP. | 49; Albert Roux, chef de cuisine, 61; Robert Saxton, composer, 43; Nigel Spearing, Labour MP, 66; Godfrey Talbot, author, broadcaster, 88; Vera Timms, senior civil servant, 52; Sigourney Weaver.

Death Notices

Jackdaw



### **Natural lift**

NATURAL BREAST EN-LARGEMENT — Thru Self-Hypnosis! YES, this breast enlargement Does Work. The latest medical studies show mental techniques alone can increase breast size. Our scientifically tested techniques are being offered to you as Natural Breast Enlargement Thru Self-Hypnosis. Our program is a safe, fun, effective and non-invasive way to have larger more beautiful breasts in 12 short weeks. The average increase is 2 inches (5.1 cm) in bust measurement. Please Note there are several side effects 1. An average of 2 inch (5.1 cm) reduction in

waist measurement. 2. A Dramatic Increase In Self Esteem Women who have had children find a very pronounced lifting and firming effect. There are also the expenses of

be taken into consideration. The Program consists of the following 4 cassettes. (Same on both sides Introduction Infornation and Instructions.) A Progress Journal, an evalua-tion and testimonial form.

director

from No Greater Love

Tatsuya Nakadai and Michiko Aratama in a scene Nakadai

Kobayashi,

TESTIMONIAL: July 15 Dear Colle, First of all, I would like to tell you that I find these tapes incredible. I've only been listening to them for 4 days and I can tell it's working. I've been able to get a pulse in my breasts since the second day and can get the pulse whenever I put my mind to it. The pulse seems to automatically happen now when the tape is just beginning. My breasts, also feel tender, al-

most sore, but a good sore. Thanks, J. Help from the Natural Endowment company at www.mycoach. com/coach/breast.html Spotted by L Collins.

### End is nigh OVER the ensuing years, he

predicted, President Al Gore would lead the United Nations forces in defeating Iran. It seems that the Great Beast is a massive computer system, but that Al Gore is the brains and power behind it, and may well be the Antichrist. Anyway, come 25 De-cember 1999: "The American forces will invade Israel's dis puted territory according to their United Nations resolutions. Israel will retaliate with nuclear missiles agains the invading American forces, who shall be completely destroyed on the mountains of Israel, Also Europe united shall destroy the land of America with nuclear missiles. On this same Christmas day a great miracle shall happen when many living people shall disappear off the face of the earth.

time-clock of seven more

we know it. When the new

millenium shall bring the

years to the end of society as

The predicted events to happen on this particular Christmas day shall start the

renewal of the ages. The Rapture and the invasion of Israel on the same day, 25 made by UN forces and an American beast and Antichrist! These are the millen nium predictions of Australian prophet Michael K Callagher, highlighted in the Fortean Times book, Millennium

**Modern buster** "A LOCAL paper called me

the 'Exorcist'. I see dead people but I'm not an exorcist." The job is more prosaic like working for Rentokil. 'You can't decide on a course of action until you know why they're doing it. You have to discover who that person is I never talk about spirits but about the people, because that what's they are. They're not wisps." In the case of the Flying Settee, he quickly found the unlikely culprit: "A very, very old man, frail and thin. He sat there, dazed and walling, and I had the (clairvoyant) impression of a village out East: dead men. women and children, buts on fire, devastation. I asked

William if he'd been out East, in the forces. "Yes," he said, "the old man died in great shock." The Canon is sunk in an armchair, legs splayed, wearing a dry smile as he ex-plains the obvious. "Those who make contact are in the old man, who fastened himself on to this kindly soldier with him after he died. Around the Oulja board were people with latent psychic en-

ergy, enabling him to make his presence felt. I prayed for him, that he would be healed and helped." No more vio-lence. Easy. "But I have no desire to be a ghostbuster or any of that nonsense. If some one dead crosses my siting room, I just say, "Bless you" and carry on reading. Canon Quine talking about being the country's leading psy-chic. Interviewed in GQ.

Pigs go PC

ONCE there were 3 little pigs who lived together in mutual respect and in harmony with their environment. Using materials that were indige-

pig built a house of straw, one house of sticks, and one a house of dung, clay and creeper vines shaped into bricks and baked in a small kiln. When they were fin-ished, the pigs were satisfied with their work and settled back to live in peace and self-determination. But their idyll was soon shattered. One

day, along came a big, bad wolf with expansionist ideas. He saw the pigs and grew very hungry in both a physi-

GQ . . . ghostly stories

tactics hold no fear for pigs defending their homes and culture." But the wolf wasn't to be denied what he thought was his manifest destiny. So he huffed and puffed and blew down the house of straw. The frightened pigs ran to the nouse of sticks, with the wolf in hot pursuit. At the house of sticks, the wolf again banged on the door and shouted, "Little pigs, little pigs, let me in!" The pigs shouted back, "Go to hell, you carnivorous, im-perialistic oppressor!" At this the wolf huffed and puffed and blew down the house of sticks. The pigs ran to the house of bricks, with the wolf close at their heels. Where the house of bricks had stood other wolves built a timeshare condo resort complex for vacationing wolves. At the house of bricks, the wolf again banged on the door and shouted, "Little pigs, little

pigs, let me in!" This time in response, the pigs sang songs of solidarity and wrote letters of protest to the United Nations. By now the wolf was getting angry. So he huffed and puffed, and huffed and puffed, then grabbed his chest and fell over dead from a massive heart attack brought on from eating too many fatty foods. The three little pigs rejoiced that justice had triumphed. Their next step was to liberate their homeland. Then the pigs set up a model socialist democracy with free education, universal health care and affordable housing for everyone. Please note: The wolf in this

story was a metaphorical construct. No actual wolves were harmed in the writing of the Political correctness from the

anarchy listserver. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaio@guardlan.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The

Guardian, 119 Farringdon

Road, London EC1R 3ER

**Emily Sheffield** 

TODAY, BT C THEIR PRICE: AND WE'LL SI 48% CHEAPI

一、女一妻

: = J, 🕍

Francisco Environment

Octav Botnar still faces arrest, page 12

Financial Editor: Alex Brummer Telephone: 0171-239-9610 Fax: 0171-833-4456

# Finance Guardian

# Retail boom fails to boost factories

Economics Correspondent

SHARP fall in factory production has dashed government hopes that a retail boom would fuel a recovery in the stagnant manufactur-

As the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, worked on his speech for the Conservative confer-ence, the Office for National Statistics said yesterday that factory output had dropped at the fastest annual rate for

City analysts — who had state, which are at odds with a months to August was 0.1 per string of upbeat business surcent up on the preceding duarter. "The fall in August was 0.1 per lines and shift stocks from veys, they said the figures quarter. "The fall in August over-full storerooms." said the figures highlighted the growing chasm between a buoyant consumer sector and a gloomy outlook for indus-

July and August, output dipped by 0.3 per cent.
Although City economists were disappointed by the

veys, they said the figures would ease Bank of England pressure for monetary tight-

Describing the overall UBS, said: "While the monthly fall provides a lat ONS officials and as Describing the overall trend in manufacturing as flat, ONS officials said production between June and August was 0.4 per cent down on the corresponding period a vear previously—the biggest vear previously—the biggest rise."

A Treasury spokesman cautioned against reacting to one month's figures, and pointed out that output over the three

follows a strong month in July." he said.

figures to attack the Government's failure to build a strong export base. Shadow trade and industry secretary Margaret Beckett said: "The Conservatives constantly try to talk up our eco-nomic performance, but these figures show their claim to be making Britain the enterprise

centre of Europe is hollow."

Some economists said firms

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist at HSBC Markets, said: But Labour seized on the "The key problem for manu-

facturers is the size of the stock overhang.

"Although demand is strengthening, they are able to meet it from shelves, rather then steeping are resulted. rather than stepping up new

Production levels were subdued across the manufacturing sector, except for textiles, clothing and footwear firms which saw trade pick up as consumers forked out for

| holiday season to shut down | summer clothes, the ONS said. Industrial sectors outside manufacturing were also

Oil and gas extraction dipped by 0.2 per cent over the three months to August as rigs were shut down for annual maintenance, while the output of electricty and gas suppliers fell by 3.2 per cent during the warmer-than-expected summer.

Overall, output in the industrial sector fell by 0.3 per cent between June and August, but rose by 0.6 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

### Notebook

# Industry data put Clarke on spot



Mark Milner

HEN you're a pro-European Conserva-tive Chancellor about to face a beargarden of a party conference stuffed full of Europeanties it is probable of Euro-sceptics it is unhelpful to hear that Britain's factories are producing less than they were a year ago.

Hence, the Treasury rapid rebuttal unit was in full cry after yesterday's industrial production figures. Manufac-turers, it said, were still trying to shift excess stocks while consumers were buying services rather than goods. Then the oldest favourite of all -- don't read too much into one month's figures.

The stocks argument car-ried some weight six months ago but it is starting to wear thin when set against the bullish business surveys from the CBI and the British Chambers of Commerce, Nor is the shift in consumption patterns in any way convincing the latest gross domestic product data show demand for consumer durables up by 9 per cent in the year to the second quarter, services up

by just 1.2 per cent.
Yet the Treasury is right to
be cautious. Something doesn't quite add up. If con-sumer demand is rising — as it appears to be - the upshot should be either an increase in domestic production or higher imports, and probably both. Yet manufacturing output\_is\_down and imports for Britain — are remarkably

The likeliest explanation is that the official figures are systematically underestimating manufacturing produc-tion, compounded in the latest data by the difficulty in seasonally-adjusting the August figures for holiday shut-downs. Output will rise over the coming months and. ness will help Mr Clarke keep base rates on hold. That may be of little comfort to the Chancellor in Bournemouth,

### Eurotunnel blight

UROTUNNEL'S banks and shareholders will all feel the pain of the financial restructuring package an-

nounced yesterday.

The banks will be left holding big chunks of Eurotunnel paper as well as a substantial tranche of debt paying below market interest rates. Shareholders are facing heavy dilution of their equity — though the banks have been more generous than early leaks of the deal suggested. They also face an estimated decade-long wait for a dividend which. ing track record, hardly looks

the safest bet.

though it is by no means cer-tain that they will command the necessary support.
But the fate of Eurotunnel shareholders, including thou-

shareholders, including thou-sands of small investors in France, could have wider ramifications on either side of the Channel. It is not simply a question of direct investment. The need to change the balance of France's future pension provision from the state to the private sector will mean workers will need to be persuaded to invest their savngs for retirement into funds which will, the authorities hope, provide the institutional investor base to boost the French stock market.

Neither the government's privatisation programme nor Eurotunnel has provided an inspirational example of the advantages of equity

The Eurotunnel experience may also cast a blight over the funding of future high cost infrastructure projects. Both banks and shareholders will be warier (and wearier), especially of those projects where governments — as with Mrs Thatcher's determination not to spend a penny of nel - make it clear the public purse is closed.

### Banking jigsaw

ONEY, we are told, makes the world go round. But money ever increasing amounts and at an ever more rapid rate.

The ease with which large volumes of funds can be switched from bank to bank and from supervisory jurisdiction to jurisdiction poses headaches for those charged with policing the regulatory jigsaw that represents the international banking

Bank regulators have tried, with varying success, to fol-low their charges across bor-ders. Two of the snags they face are differing rules governing banking secrecy and the frequent inability of banking regulators in one country to run the supervisory rule over the foreign operations of a bank for which it has

responsibility.

However a working party nade up of members of the Basle Committee on Banking Supervision and the Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors which between them include some 140 countries, has come up with a set of recommendations which should allow for a freer (though scarcely free) flow of

information. The report shows the difficulties of stitching together a deal that will keep 140 regulators on side. Regulators in countries which don't allow outside supervisors access to depositors' identities should use their "best endeavours" to get the law changed. Some countries are even worried about regulators with such access which find breaches of their own laws (as opposed to banking regulations) blowing the whistle.

As its architects argue, the agreement, if it works in practice, will be an important step The proposals are certainly a better bet than bankruptcy, much further there is to go.

# Claim that Kleinwort Benson 'bowed to political pressure'

# Bankers to face inquiry by Imro

Patrick Donovan

LLEGATIONS that Kleinwort Benson, bank, bowed to po-litical pressures by attempting to stop one of its senior fund managers raising investment questions about French and South African privatisation stocks are expected to be investigated by

the Imro watchdog. Complaints that Kleinwort Benson breached the requirea watertight "Chinese Wall" between its corporate finance | lined how the acquiescence of operations and its investment business are contained in a KB Group in this conspiracy formal internal complaint of influence would be viewed which has been seen by The by the SIB and the media."

Guardian. The charge that Kleinwort Benson had put "undue interference" on its investment management operations is contained in a document addressed to the company's compliance chief Richard

Sa Egartion 5.

( **)** 

1.20

5-22-5-5

 $g(\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{n}},\mathbf{w}^{(2)})$ 

W.

Early Sheffield

Death Notices

Dated September 11 1995, the document was sent by Mark Horn, a senior fund manager, who was sacked on Friday for failing to "follow management instructions". A spokesman for Kleinwort

Benson yesterday confirmed that Imro has launched a for-mal investigation into the allegations raised by Mr Horn and declined to comment further. A rival fund manager said:

"Mr Horn is a first-rate player who really looks after his clients. These allegations must be taken seriously." The internal document

shows that concerns were raised over Mr Horn's public comments about the performance of Usinor Sacilor, a stock privatised by the French government.

Mr Horn told the compli-

ance department that his comments were "carefully considered and purely

which had an interest in try-ing to win privatisation mandates from that country's government.
Mr Horn warns in the document that it would be "ex-tremely embarrassing" for the group if suggestions "that

Finance Department of Klein-

wort Benson in France —

the French Treasury put pressure on the Kleinwort Benson Corporate Finance Department, to prevent critical analysis of their policy by the London-based Fund management arm of the KB Group," ever reached the press. He adds: "It need not be out-

London based officials of the He warns that it is "both

unethical and illegal" for in-fluence to be exerted by the "sell" side over the "buy" side of the business. "We are separate legal businesses with different clients and objectives. Indeed, our interests are fundamentally opposed. As we at KBIM have a special tegrity is integral to our

"If that were compromised by undue influence from the 'sell' side, our clients would | Far East. have a justifiable claim for compensation".
Other internal documents

claim that an official complaint was raised by the Dresdner Kleinwort Benson Group after Mr Horn chalenged the views of South Afican government ministers a a CBI conference in London this year.

Mr Horn says that he was never told who made the ini-tial complaints. But he added that his scepticism "was ac-knowledged to be well in line with the internal view of

KBIM".

If he was prevented from raising questions, Mr Horn told his superiors, "There would be little point in attend analytical".

However, he expressed concern because his remarks had been the subject of internal tives".

would be little point in attending any meeting with corporate or political representatives".





owned by National Grid, led the assault by reducing the cost of weekday business calls fiduciary obligation in regard to the United States to 10p a to our clients' monies our in-44.9 per cent below the cheapest rate BT could offer. It also reduced business charges to Australasia, Japan and the TeleWest and Nynex Cable-

**Nicholas Banniste** 

Technology Editor

comms, the two largest cable companies, and Long Dis-tance International and Swiftcall, low-cost specialist opera-tors, also announced cheaper

call charges.
TeleWest said any BT residential customer who switched would end up with a lower bill under its new tariff structure, providing that the pattern of calls was unchanged. It aimed to maintain



But quicker cuts come from "Two Bob" TeleWest or 10p Energis, with a low business tariff

Store did not run aground — official

Sam Howe, its vice president in charge of residential services, said that Oftel, the industry watchdog, had chief executive, said the com-

forced BT to reduce its prices.

"Our position is simple," he
said. "We'll keep our promise

— every bill is cheaper."

TeleWest's cable network



saving over BT, even after taking into account BT's dis-

passes 3.9 million homes. It tional licence, following the provides more than 558,300 residential and 60,900 business lines.

It tional licence, following the recent change removing the providers such as Demon, More and Pipex.

Nynex CableComms said its | do without an international standard prices and that all its business customers would save money.
Mike Grabiner, Energis's

pany had been able to reduce charges because it had a modern network and had negoti-ated lower wholesale rates. It had applied for an interna-

customers would continue to licence," Mr Grabiner said. save 25 per cent over BT's "We see significant opportunities for further reductions when we have an international licence."

Launched in September 1994, Energis now has over

12,000 business customers, in-cluding Boots, Reuters and Great Universal Stores.

It has also grabbed the lion's share of the Internet access market, supplying telecom services for leading net providers such as Demon, Mi-

Eagle Star told the US

courts: "The shops could not sail without the vessel,

and the vessel would not sail without its retail

shops." US law allows ship-

owners and companies suf-

fering physical damage to their property to sue the government in cases such as this. Allders, according

to the federal authorities, had suffered no damage to

The company countered that investments of more

than \$10 million during the

past nine years has given it a stake in the general suc-cess of the QE2 — in other

words, the ship and the

stores were more or less identical.

The QE2 was out of action

for more than two months

after the accident, and

Allders claims losses of

its stock or its shops.

## Former BET chief starts £3m High-Court claim for sacking

Financial staff

ACORPORATE high-flyer. who lost his job after a takeover, started a claim for £3 million in the High Court yesterday. John Clark, former chief ex-

ecutive of services company BET, is suing Rentokil, the group best-known for its pesti-cides which bought BET for \$2.2 billion in April. In an action that could turn

upside down the accepted doc-trine of "heads rolling" after a bostile bid, Mr Clark is demanding £1.4 million for loss of salary plus damages for loss of pension rights, options, bo-nuses, car and chauffeur and health insurance.

Rentokil, the court heard, agreed it should compensate Mr Clark for loss, but argued "mitigate his own loss".

ilar post. It is the first time a former chief executive has taken a pay-off issue to court. His counsel, Brian Langstaff QC, told Mr Justice Timothy Walker that BET had said it offered Mr Clark the same BET directors, all of whom had accepted. Mr Langstaff said Mr Clark,

Mr Clark, 55, of South Ken-sington, is claiming he would not find it easy to obtain a sim-

was headhunted by BET in November, 1991. It was regarded as being in a bad way and po-tentially loss-making. Mr Clark succeeded in turning round BET. Profits increased by 22 per cent and 32 per cent before he was sacked. Mr Langstaff said that, de-

spite the urging of BET board members, Rentokil's nominees that — as he would easily find on the board insisted that Mr a new job — he was bound to Clark should be dismissed or asked to resign immediately.

result. Cunard itself is TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

Australia 1.918 France 7.85 Austria 16.36 Belgium 47.84 Canada 2.0675 Germany 2.3275 Greece 368.50 Canada 2.0675 Hong Kong 11.79 Cyprus 0.7075 India 55.72 Denmark 8.9575 Ireland 0.9490 Finland 7.09 Israel 4.98

lialy 2,332 Singapore 2.157
Mailia 0.55 South Africa 6,905
Netherlands 2.615
New Zealand 2.175 Sweden 10.20 Singapore 2.157 South Airica 6.905 Spain 195.50 Norway 9.9425 Portugal 236.40 Portugal 236.40 Turkey 139,583 Saudi Arabia 5.83 USA 1.5290

A CHILE & WIRELESS COMPANY

TODAY, BT CUT THEIR PRICES BY UP TO 25%. AND WE'LL STILL BE UP TO 48% CHEAPER.

Humah! Champague! BT lop 25% off their prices. But with our Globall ink package for businesses, we're still 48% cheaper for a 3 minute call to the States during weekday working hours. Humah! Vintage Bollinger! For details Free Call 0500 800 125.



It doesn't cost anything to talk FreeCall 0500 800125

Priors and surings compared against ET's basic rate, Sam to Squa, weekslays.

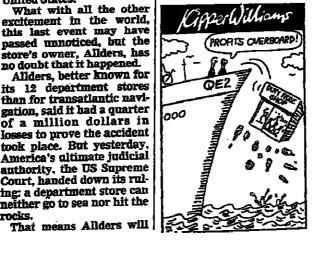
Collis are subject to a printmum change of 4.2p. Global Link surings are evoluble, a universeption for of £7.50 per quarter. All priors quarted cs. VAT.

Aliders cannot sue over the QE2 accident, the US Supreme Court has decided. DAN ATKINSON reports UGUST, 1992 was a | be unable to sue the federal government for failing to

month never to be forgotten. Europe was in crisis, sterling was plunging. Annie Lennox and REM dominated the charts and, in the early hours of the 8th, a British department store ran aground off the eastern seaboard of the United States.

What with all the other excitement in the world, this last event may have passed unnoticed, but the store's owner, Allders, has no doubt that it happened. Allders, better known for

its 12 department stores than for transatlantic navi-gation, said it had a quarter of a million dollars in losses to prove the accident took place. But yesterday, America's ultimate judicial authority, the US Supreme Court, handed down its ruling: a department store can neither go to sea nor hit the



ledge off the coast of Massa

chusetts it claims caused

the whole unfortunate inci-

Those with sharp memo-

luxury liner, Queen Eliza- as Allders and its insurer beth II, also ran aground in Eagle Star told the US the same place and at the same time. This is not a coincidence. The Allders shops in question were, it is true, hitching a lift across the sea on a Cunard ship, and it is this pernickety de tail that has allowed US judges to let their governcharts the underwater ment off the hook. Allders had argued that, so close was its near-30

year relationship with the QE2, the two had become ries may remember that the | almost inseparable. Indeed,

> The shops could not sail without the vessel, and the vessel would not sail without its retail shops' - what Allders and

Eagle Star told the US court

more than \$250,000 as a suing the US government separately — being indisputably a shipowner, rather than a department store that may be a sort of ship, it is having less difficulty pursuing its case.

Wotor Racing

Outlook/A great engineering feat has proved to be a financial disaster, says Patrick Donovan

# Shareholders pay price of Channel's £9bn black hole

sands of small punters paid 350p a share when they bought into Eurotunnel nearly ten years ago. Last week they saw their shares suspended at 115p while banks attempted to stitch up yet another deal on

Today the share price could fall into a black hole as Eurotunnel is relisted after the latest attempt to restructure it into a commercially viable company.

Punters would be right to be angry about yesterday's agreement to reshape Euro-tunnel as this will see the value of their shares diluted by up to 50 per cent. Small investors have been sold banks which for nearly 12 months has been trying to think up ways of helping Eurotunnel resume interest payments on the not inconsiderable sum of £9.1 billion.

But they should think carefully before they attempt to overturn this proposal when it is put to the vote - even though small punters are, probably uniquely, in a posi-tion to call the shots as they control more than 70 per cent

of the shares.

If this had been any other company, Eurotunnel would have long ago been put into administration. For all the hype about its growing crosstunnel will this year generate enough cash to service less than half its overall debt.

For investors, this would obviously have been unsatisresulted in an open-ended sus-pension of their shares. For banks, it was an unacceptable option because of the value of capital tied up in the opera-tion and the problems of tak-ing over such a complicated commercial undertaking.

So the compromise, which is to be put to shareholders

Punters would be right to be angry about yesterday's deal to reshape

Eurotunnel

plicated package which will have a very simple result. In effect, bank's are wiping out up to £4.7 billion worth of debt in return for giving themselves new shares — an equity stake which will, for the moment, dilute existing

holdings down to 54 per cent. First, there is a straight debt-for-equity swap of £1 billion worth of debt. Secondly, they have concocted a package of financial instruments which will wipe out a further £4.7 billion — leaving the overall £4 billion at a level which can (theoretically) be serviced through passenger traffic revenue. And thirdly, there are prefer-

UNDREDS of thou- | factory as it would have | ential interest rate caps on investment costs. Hence, bankers claim, Eur-

otunnel has been metamor phised into a commercially viable company.

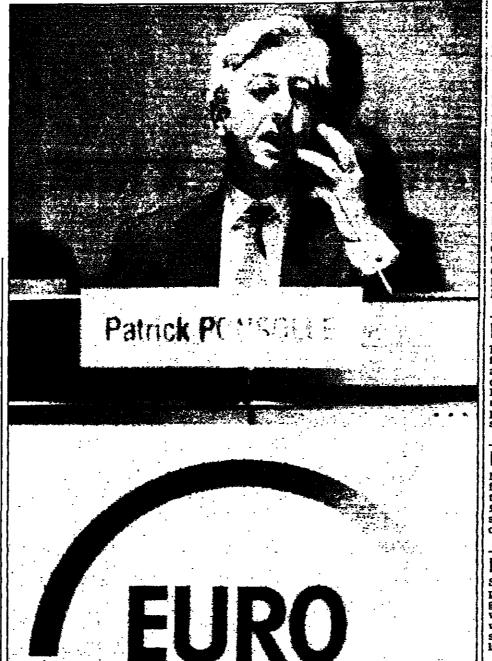
There are pie-in-the sky promises to pay dividends at

later date. And shareholders will have to decide whether to stump up 150p for a huge warrant issue which falls due in six vears' time. If they take up vestors will still retain overall control. Failure will see overall ownership fall into the hands of the banks which will then speak for just under 60 per cent of all shares. And there is still no news about whether Eurotunnel is to be granted an extension on its lease which falls due on 2052.

For the moment, however, catastrophe has been averted whatever the future uncertainties. Whether they like it or not, Eurotunnel has been baled out by its own shareholders. Already investor groups are pledging to over-turn what they perceive as a wholly inequitable deal.

Just how the markets view this stitch-up will be seen in shareholders would seem to have no immediate alternative if they want to see the shares continue as a quoted investment.

Eurotunnel must be the century's most remarkable feat of civil engineering. But in purely financial terms, this enormous black hole across the English Channel should



**News in brief** 

# TI buys Forsheda for £189m

17. THE engineering and aerospace equipment group, is to pay \$189 million for Forsheda, a Swedish scaling systems and in-dustrial products manufacturer. The deal doubles the size of TT's polymer technology operation and will create a £300 million business. It brings TI's acquisition spending to over 240 million this year. The Agora Group, which controls around 64 per cent of Forsheda, has agreed to back the bid. Forsheda, which has 1,250 employees in 13 countries, it was known in the pipes industry for high technology polymer. sealing products. TI shares closed up 1%p at 571%p. --

### Lloyd's deal with Arizona

LLOYD'S of London said last night that its £3.2 billion settlement of Names' claims had been accepted by Arizona — the last USA to put its name to the agreement. "This marks an end to our differences with US securities regulators," said Peter Lane, Lloyd's managing director for North America. AH 2,900 US h nes are now covered by state agreements.— Dominic Wo

### Labour challenge to BE

BRITISH Energy was last night challenged by Labour to recon-firm dividend forecasts made during this summer's privatisation as the City braced itself for the company to unveil some 1,300 job as the City praced usen for the company to unreal some Laborations, perhaps as early as today. Labour's energy spokesman, John Battle, said the cuts could threaten output from BE's eight reactors and jeopardise dividend pledges made in the self-off prospectus. The prospectus warned that dividends could be cut if station output or wholesale electricity prices fell. — Simon Bands

### Moss Bros profits hold

MOSS Bros group has maintained its profit margins despite what finance director Terry Donovan called a "quite fierce" competitive retail market. Announcing a jump in profits of 54 per cent to 54.94 million for the first half. Mr Donovan said: "We have not sacrificed our margins in getting a same store sales rise of 14 page cent in the first half." — Tony May

### Luxury car sales soar

SALES of Rolls-Royce and Bentley luxury cars have shot up by 18 per cent in the year so far. Vickers, the defence and engineering group which produces the linxury cars, said it had sold 1,278. Ye vehicles in the nine months to the end of September compared with 1,082 in the same period last year. There was particularly strong growth in the UK, where Vickers sold 555 cars against at last year, and in the US. - Simon Beauts

### New group md at Chrysalis

THE Chrysalis media group has appointed Philip McDanell as group managing director in the wake of the resignations last? month of two non-executive directors. Viscount Chandos, a City banker, and Sir David Puttnam, the film producer. Both nonexecutives complained about not being kept adequately informed about significant developments, including the decision to close its film division, and the failure to appoint a "heavyweight" chief

# Nissan UK's £59m tax deal fails to clear Botnar

lan King

mer head of car distributor Nissan UK, faces the prospect of being arrested if he returns to Britain despite his company's payment yesterday of £59 million to settle an Inland Revenue tax

Mr Botnar, who has been living in Switzerland since 1981, still faces an estimated personal tax bill of around £65 million, which the Revenue intends to pursue, and an arrest warrant issued five years ago remains in force.

Last night, after confirma tion that all tax claims against Nissan UK had been dropped, Mr Botnar launched an extraordinary attack on the Revenue, accusing it of "terror tactics" and claiming he would not get justice in

He said: "The tactics often imployed by the Revenue in England bear a striking similarity to those of the terror police in former communist countries of which I have had first hand experience."

Earlier, a five-minute meet ing at the Revenue's special commissioners offices in London heard that the Revenue had received a £59 million payment over the weekend, settling all tax claims against

After the meeting a Reve-nue spokesman said: "The dispute between the Inland Revenue and Nissan UK has been resolved, and all civil edings between the two have been

But despite the payment, one of the biggest out-of-court tax settlements ever made in Britain, the Revenue insisted 83 later this month, would statement issued last night, Mr Botnar said Nissan UK had not "owed a penny" to

payment to avoid "another five years of frustration, litigation and enormous legal ex-penditure", Mr Botnar said the small size of the payment, comparison with the

**Botnar** 

chronology

Japanese car sales in UK; 1978: Nissan sales in UK; 1978: Nissan sales in UK top 100,000 for first time; 1980: Bothar asks Nissan to build UK manufacturing

plant starts produc Sunderland; oses High Court ca e 1991; Inland R

n UK's office November 1991: Botna: says Nissan UK will be wound down, leaves for itzerland; wary 1992: Inland Reve-May 1992: Two Nissan UK executives sent for trial;

Nissan UK managing , and Frank Shannon 1993:

Insisting he had made a

1971: Botnar establishes Datsun UK in agreement

with Nissan; 1973: Nissan/Datsun s

1986; Nissan UK man

former finance director, jailed for fraud;

said it was owed, showed the Revenue's claim had been

The Revenue's spokesman said: "He can put his views forward if he wants to, but it's not for us to comment. "An arrest warrant was granted, and that remains

outstanding." The payment is the latest twist in one of the most colourful corporate sagas of the last decade. Mr Botnar, a Romanian husinessman who had formerly headed the NSU car group, signed an agreement in 1971 with Nissan Motor Company of Japan to set up a car dealership under the name Datsun UK.

By the end of the 1970s the renamed Nissan UK was selling six out of every 10 Japanese cars sold in Britain and Mr Botnar suggested Nissan Motor Co establish a manufacturing presence in the UK as a means of penetrating other European markets. Nissan Motor Co agreed and in 1986 the first car rolled off the company's new production line in Sunderland, with the

apanese company paying warm tribute to Mr Botnar. But in 1991, the Inland Revenue made a dawn raid on Nissan UK's office and Mr Botnar's home as part of an investigation — Operation Bluebird — into alleged tax evasion and Nissan Motor Co

withdrew Mr Botnar's import and distribution licence. By then Mr Botnar bad left Britain for Switzerland, but in early 1992 a warrant for his arrest was issued. Subsequently, Michael Hunt, Nissan UK's former assistant managing director, and Frank Shannon, Nissan UK's former finance director, were jailed for fraud for eight years and 18 months respectively, but Mr Botnar has never

## to lead battle to revive Owen & Robinson

Roger Cowe

Dixons' veteran Egon Greyerz yesterday became the latest to take or the challenge of restoring to health Owen & Robinson, which owns the Foot-hold sports shoe chain and which issued a profit warn-

ing yesterday. He has replaced Maurice Dwek as chairman of the company, which has strug gled through the collapse of its jewellery business and a lengthy share suspension while administrators salvaged the rest of the

Mr Dwek has left to concentrate on his other business interests as the company warned that profits would not meet the City's pointed chairman for the second time in February after a financial restructur ing which wiped out debts and left the company in a position to expand again.

The restructuring and the appointment of a new management team led by Mr Dwek allowed the com pany's shares to begin trading again after a sevenmonth suspension. Mr Dwek, who owned 16

per cent of the company, had previously been chairman until 1992. Former Amber Day boss Philip Green bought into

Owen & Robinson but gave up after a brief spell in control, selling his shares as part of the restructuring earlier this year.

Mr von Greyerz was with Dixons from 1972 to 1989. He said he would be conducting a thorough review of the Foothold operations. The company has made losses for each of the past

# Dixons veteran | Calor's bottled genie emerges at £250m

Eurotunnel's French president, Patrick Ponsolle, announcing the deal yesterday

HE Calor Gas bottled and bulk gas supplier has agreed to a £250 million bid from its controlling shareholder, SHV, a pri-vately-held Dutch food and energy company. Calor shares rose 3 per cent

to 300p, the level at which SHV is offering to buy the 48.6 per cent of the group it | to be paid on November 8.

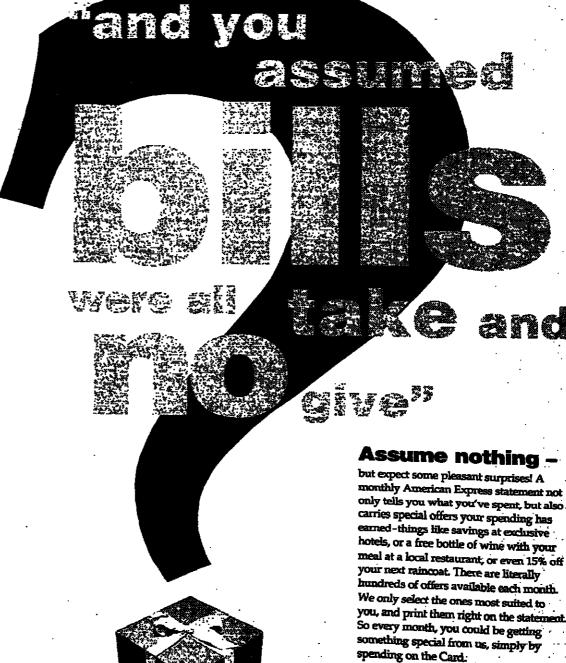
does not aiready own. The rise took Calor shares, which have risen 10 per cent in the past week, to a two-year high. The Calor board, whose independent directors are recommending the bidding terms, said they would in-clude a special dividend of 10p a share to be paid by Calor, and investors would also be entitled to a regular divi-

The bid by SHV, which took control of Calor in 1988, was well received by analysts, although evebrows were raised over the timine "The question is, why

didn't they do it four or five years ago?" said Irene Himona at Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull. But she said the 300 pence per share now offered, compared with 200p then, was a

Bruce Evers, at Henderson Crosthwaite, speculated that SHV could have been spurredinto action by frustration with the Calor management. He said "Despite the recent restructuring moves, the group has gone nowhere in recent years."

Calor has suffered from its reliance on the weather-sensi tive UK market, and began restructuring its British operations earlier this year.



A CABLE & WIRELESS COMPANY

# TODAY, BT CUT THEIR **BUSINESS PRICES.** TO SAVE EVEN MORE, CALL US.

Today you can save up to 25% on international calls with BT. Or up to 48% with Mercury's GlobalLink package for businesses. Yes, we're still 48% cheaper for a 3 minute call to the States during weekday working hours. Shouldn't you find out more? It doesn't cost anything to talk. FreeCall 0500 800 125.



It doesn't cost anything to talk FreeCall 0500 800125

Prices and savings compared spains! BT's basic rate, Sam to open, weekslaps ills are subject to a recumment charge of 4.2p. Cloball into savings are available e subject to a renammen charge of 4.2p. GlobalLink savings are ava a subscription fee of £7.50 per quarter, All prices quoted ex. VAT.

COMPETITION IS GREAT FOR BUSINESS. SO COME ON BT. BE A BIT MORE COMPETITIVE

It seems BT are pulling their punches. OK, they're cutting prices today. But Mercury will still be substantially cheaper. For details, FreeCall 0500 800 125.



It doesn't cost anything to talk FreeCall 0500 800125

Prices and surrogs compared occurst BT's basic rate, Ban to Gpm, weekdaps, ills are subject to a minimum charge of 4 2p. Clobal Linb surrogs we available a suburription for of LT.50 per quarter. All proces quarted ex. VAT

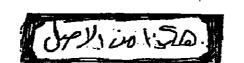
American Express Services Europe Limited, Reg. Office, Portland House, 1 Stag Place, London SWIE 58Z, Reg. No. 1833139.

To find out how we can help you 0800 700767





Cards



Tuesday October 8164

th Arizona Edicates and the second of the

ge to BE hallenged to the same RECORD STATE OF THE STATE OF TH pleden med

control between the second of its hold dispression and the second sec \* Settlement to the settlement of the settlement

14 50ar White the case that the

to the dear to an arrange to the state of th Contract of the same of the sa C. Transport

at Chrysalis A COLLEGE COLLEGE Section 15 The Sectio Mars 1 the Carrier of the Carrier

at £250m

Francis Land

ME 15 7

Br San

1

The state of

J & 22 King . . . 重 为祖外 

L #25 H Ta 1

nothing .

Express Contract of the

NAME OF ADDRESS OF TAXABLE Employee special control con-Bernella S. Control The color of the same of the Agrand of Party Flore 220 Control ENGLISHE STATE OF THE STATE OF **阿爾斯斯**斯斯斯 海野 元

THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF

Butter to the state of

Marketin Committee

The last the same of the same

# Stewart signs a hot prospect

Alan Henry on Jan Magnussen, the young Dane told to stop smoking and get to the top

ACKIE STEWART yes terday signalled his seat in F1 for next season," he determination to steer his new Formula One going back to the Stewart team into the big time by an-nouncing that he had signed Jan Magnussen, the 23-year-old Dane who has long been tipped as a future world respect." champion as his first con-

firmed driver for 1997. Stewart, the retired triple world champion who founded Stewart Grand Prix last Christmas with his son Paul, knows better than most what makes\_a top grand prix driver. He has shrugged aside the disappointment of his failure to recruit Damon Hill and has concluded a four-year contract with Magnussen —

and told him to stop smoking. Magnussen drove for Paul Stewart Racing in 1994 and won the British F3 championship with 14 wins out of 18

seat in F1 for next season," he said. "It's a pleasure to be going back to the Stewart family, whose experience and professionalism I trust and

"Jan is the best F3 driver I have ever seen, and that in-cludes Ayrton Senna," said Stewart. "He displayed an outstanding talent in the formative classes of the sport. He was a graduate of the Paul Stewart Racing staircase of talent." talent."

That stands as some endorsement. But at last month's Portuguese Grand Prix, Stewart sounded a cautionary note on the young Dane's smoking habit. "He has to totally commit himself to the job, and I think in recent times that might not have been happening. "Jan needs to make up his

17th place in the Olympics

Sussex have reappointed Alan Wells as captain for a

sixth season. The 35-year-old was the county's only bats-man to pass 1,000 runs in leading them to a disappoint-

ing 12th in the championship in his benefit year.

**Table Tennis** 

has been declared void.

Cricket

Marlboro (

Perfect profile . . . the Dane driving an IndyCar this year with a career in the US in mind, until Stewart stepped in

mind that he wants to be a top-line racing driver. He's not a disciplined person, and all top F1 drivers have been

very focused.

'That's the only issue he has to address. He's got terrific potential, but he's got to make his mind up that he has to be as fit as Michael Schumacher, who isn't smok-ing cigarettes."

Stewart, in the late Sixties one of the first drivers to appreciate the need for physical fitness, is a lifelong non-smoker. But, with all but two of the F1 teams having tobacco sponsorship, it will be interesting to see whether he can avoid it.

Fitness issues aside, Mag-nussen has the perfect profile for a future winner, and insiders believe he will quickly prove himself a match for rising stars such as Heinz-Har-ald Frentzen and Ralf Schu-macher. A multiple karting world champion, he followed his British F3 championship success with a spell as test driver for the F1 McLaren team and drove for Mercedes-Benz in the international touring car championship.

This year he has driven in four IndyCar races for the prestigious Penske-Mercedes team and there was specula-tion that he might stay in the American series to carve out his professional career.

The Stewarts, who have yet to decide on the team's second driver, recognised that the Dane was simply too good not to be given a chance in F1. When the first Stewart-Ford car begins testing in mid-December, Magnussen will be strapped into its cockpit aiming to smoke off the opposition, cigarettes or not.

against Italy, opting to play for his Bundesliga club in-stead, writes Richard Jago.

The former national cham-

pion had been expected to end his 18-month boycott but now

says he will come back

against Slovakia on Novem-

ber 8 — though the England

committee may now decline

across the top. The team's | day's European League match

his offer.

Sailing



(Je) 100 100

Tipped for the top . . . Magnussen was the British P3 champion with Paul Stewart Racing

Commercial Union still held

third place but he had narrowed the gap to Golding to 12

miles, and was himself 10 miles clear of Andy Hindley in Save The Children. The

four leaders are all to the west of La Palma and Hierro, the

westernmost of the Canaries

Chris Tibbs in Concert sailed

between Gran Canaria and

Fuerteventura some 200 miles

to the east.

Hockey

# **Helissio the** best since **Dancing Brave**

Ken Oliver

ELISSIO'S five lengths victory in Sunday's long to beat Dowry by three Prix de l'Arc de and a half lengths. Longchamp race in 1986.

was not sufficient to earn him the European performance of the year, which still rests with Mark Of Esteem after his win in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot last

month. Helissio has been elevated in the Timeform ratings from a figure of 128p — the "p" in-dicating likely further improvement — to 137, which puts him 1lb ahead of the 1991 Arc winner Suave Dancer but 31b below Dancing Brave. Mark of Esteem is rated 138. Chris Williams, Timeform's senior handicapper, said: "Helissio is up there with the good Arc winners, although the form doesn't put him quite in the Sea Bird or Ribot

"Some of his rivals clearly didn't produce their best, but Helissio had the race won two

furlongs out — not many Arc winners do that. "However, the form of the Queen Elizabeth, which we

Peter Chapple-Hyam, the Manton trainer, whose Polaris Flight was put down after breaking a leg in the Arc, had a welcome change of luck at Pontefract yesterday when scoring a 168-1 double with Count Roberto and Howqua River, who both started

Nursery but, under a polished ride from Robert Havlin, the El Gran Senor colt swept to the front inside the final fur-

Triomphe has earned the colt the best Timeform rating bit disappointing, but he's since Dancing Brave took the ongchamp race in 1986.

However, his easy victory said Chapple-Hyam's repre-

sentative George Ellison. Howqua River provided 18year-old-old Ryan Cody-Boutcher with his first riding success when pipping Arc of The Diver by a head in the Apprentice Series Handicap

Cody-Boutcher, who learned his trade at the Brit-ish Racing School, joined Chapple-Hyam two years ago and has had 35 rides.

The Chapple-Hyam win-ning run can continue at Warwick this afternoon with Burundi (2.30) in division two of the Brinklow Maiden Stakes.

Burundi, who is related to several winners, will have gained valuable experience when unplaced to King Sound at Newbury last month and this looks a much easier task. Paul Cole's Heart Full Of Soul (3.00) showed vast im-provement when fitted with blinkers for the first time at Brighton six days ago.

basically rated around the fourth, Charnwood Forest, has a more solid look to it than that of the Arc."

Pater Character is a supersolution of the Arc."

Batter Character is a supersolution of the Arc."

Batter Character is a supersolution of the Arc." the extra furlong of the Chef's Larder Nursery should suit him and he looks a sporting

nap.
On the Cesarewitch front, to be run at Newmarket Sat-urday week, Jiyush was in de-mand yesterday.

Harry Thomson Jones's progressive staver has been cut from 11-2 to 9-2 by Cor-Count Roberto, appeared to al's, who have Canon Can hold a stiff task with top-weight in the Levy Board Stalls is next best in at 7-1.

### Weaver bans hit 47-day mark

ASON WEAVER was the jockey out of the entire Cesarewitch meeting at the Pontefract stewards yes. erday for irresponsible riding on Shirley Sue in the Trinidad and Tobago Handi-

Eric Hughes, sacked by St Helens in January to make way for Shaun McRae, has resigned as coach of Leigh with three years of his con-

Cesarewitch meeting at Newmarket.
Weaver has been hard-hit
by the Jockey Club's crackdown against riding offences cap. The offence triggers a deferred five-day ban from August, putting Weaver on the sidelines for nine days.

The ban runs from October 16-19 and October 21-25 ruling down against from gainst from

### Mike Golding seems to have come unstuck in his gamble Ricardo Kierkegaard, Feder-ico Castaing and Justo Albar-Carl Prean has shocked Engracin took their horses over land officials by declaring obstacles with wire and nails himself unavailable for Sunof taking Group 4 on a more knot faster than the rest of westerly course toward Rio de the 14-boat fleet.

Redcar with guide to recent form

Sport in brief

Equestrianism

training at Atlanta.

........................

All four members of Argenti-

na's Olympic show jumping team have been suspended for six months for "severe cruelty" to their horses in

The sport's international federation, the FEI, ruled yes-

terday that Oscar Fuentes,

4.15 Snow Paleon

Z. 1	5 ous	BOROUGH HAIDEN STAKES 8YO OF \$4,000	
01	00	FARO FLYER (15) K https://doi.org/10.1001/	D Biggs 2
02		QAD YAKOUN (20) M Meagher 9-0	J Fortsue 12
ōā		MINOLETT: (17) E Dunico B-0	K Pallon 5
04		NELCHEL HELLS (17) J Dunion B-0	K Darley 1
05		TAKE MOTICE (28) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark 9
36		BEEST RAIWAND (20) Don Ervico Inclus 8-9	JGm Tielder 13
07	0.00	CARRIANIA J Evro 8-0	
), 08		DAISY BATES (20) P Herris 8-8	C Heed 10
10		DENNIOSET HOUSE (20) W Haloh 8-9	D R McCabe 6
		HONEYHALL (10) N Bycrod 8-9	A College 4
10		LAWSHOMA (29) Mass J Craze 8-8	
!!			G Fauliner (6) 1
12	233050	ENERGY (43) Miss 5 Half 8-9	Q Certer 3
13		WOLLEY J Berry 8-9	L DeDorf 14

1995: Indiaesh S 9 H Hills 7-2 (P Waheyn) 9 rap Batting: 5-2 Wolfstoncorst, 3-1 Hilgiri Hills, 5-1 Take Notice, 7-1 Minoletti, 12-1 Daisy Bates, Me FORM GUIDE - WOLLSTONISCRAFT: Headway over 11 out, switched leb, run on well, bin 31 by Sahe

(TERMOUTH IN STYCE, US).

BELLERER BLLE: Prominent until bro out, 22nd of 25, btn 111, to Cretan Gilb (Ayr 81 hcp., Gd-Fm).

TABLE: BOTTICES: Prominent for 31; baskd, 11th of 15, btn 121, to Jumaitris Sunser (Lingfield 71, Gd-Fm).

BENEY ENTER: Cross up stated: Side, not quicken final furions, 461 of 16, btn 291, to River Tero (Think 6 DARFY SATTER Cross up stated: Side, not quicken final furions, 461 of 16, btn 291, to River Tero (Think 6

2.45 ELFONO PICKERING MAIORI FILLEY STAKES 270 ELEC OI CA,524 o romans TOP PORMS TIPS: Santa Roue S, Plaist: d'Amour 7, Tycoen Chi S 1995: Chehmoot & 11 K Derley 7-2 (P Chappio-Hyden) 7 me.

Betfings 7-4 Sente Rose, 5-2 Plaistr d'Amour, 5-1 Tycoon Girl, 6-1 Spleshod, 7-1 Come Dencing, 12 FORM GUIDE - SANTA ROSAL Hald up in touch, ren on one pace tinel furlong, 4th of 8, bitn 151, to Rec

5 MALTON CLARENCE STAKES 2VO 71 23,120

0 DORTAL OPTION (17) P Webber 9-2

EXECUTER CARCELE AND PARTY 9-2

324 BEROLINE SPARTALCES (18) J Dunlop 5

5695 ITALIAN STEPHONY (17) M JOVISION 9-4

425 MORRESCE ROUSS (46) J Burly 9-0

2223 MIVER OF PORTY 98 (18) J T Carptina 9-10

2223 MIVER OF PORTY 98 (18) J T T CARCELE 9-10

90 SHOULL KING (15) T EASTEND 8-5

0 PIPPL SANTER (19) Denys Smith 9-8

500 EXTY OLLOWS (6) M Dorts 6-6

500 EXTY OLLOWS (6) M Dorts 6-6

500 EXTY OLLOWS (78) A Scale 8-4

5000 GANTSAYNCHT (18) R MEXICION 8-3

6500 GODFILLOWS GRE, (22) M Sycrot 8-1

43400 SECTION (19) GRESS 8-1

43400 SECTION (19) GRESS 8-1

43400 SECTION (19) MY J REPORTS 8-1

43400 SECTION (19) MY J REPORTS 8-1

43400 SECTION (19) GRESS 8-1

43500 MARRIEME (19) DOR ENTON 8-1

43500 MARRIEME (19) DOR ENTON 8-1

43500 MARRIEME (19) DOR ENTON 10 FREE \_K Paline 18
\_R Conhrane 20
\_L Dottori 11
\_K Darley 7\*
\_G Carter 13 \*
\_5 Capp (5) 15
\_G Fastkmer (5) 5
\_G Bille 14
\_K Birch 17\*
\_L Charseok 10
\_H Kansedy 3
\_B Lapphs 12
\_J Wadding (7) 4

n's Relace 2 7 11 A Wheles 13-2 (A Featur) 28 cm

HDE-EUROLINK, SPARTACUS Prominent, riden over 3 out, one pace fixed 2, 4th of 12, bin 51, radius (Nambury 77 Styds hop. Goffol. SYMPHOSIT: Chased leaders, weeksned final farlong, Sch of 9, bin 32, to Gipsy Princess Headway St. out, soon ridden, no impression, 7th of 12, bin 71, to Struggers (Chester 7 Suction hep, Gd), Revolution of 18, ben'es, to Liste Slave (Ayr St pell, Gd-Fm).
REVOLUTION RAD well, Sto of 18, ben'es, to Liste Slave (Ayr St pell, Gd-Fm).
REVOLUTION REVOLUTION STATE Story sway, headway 21 oct, stayed on, 3rd of 12, bto 41, to imported Or Metric
Révanetheryth tro cinimar, Gd-Fm).

1996: Empty College 2 S 1 L Dollari 2-4 (J Gooden) 4 HM ing: 5-4 Magazaya, 11-4 Hi Nod, 7-2 King Ol Perti, 9-2 General Academy, 5-1 Darling Flame, 25-1

Option of PERUI. Recad stands' side, tracem reasons.

(hisration of, Gd-St).

American of, Gd-St).

American of, Gd-St).

American of, Gd-St).

American of, Gd-St).

Challenge, writes Bob Fisher.

Early yesterday morning Group 4 was only a mile

closer to the first-leg destina-

tion than Simon Walker and Toshiba Wave Warrior, and

by early afternoon Walker

Golding was still some 40

miles further to the west and

both boats were sailing almost identical courses, but

Walker was maintaining a

speed almost three knots faster than Golding and one

was 13 miles to the good.

4.	1 5 PEVERLEY HANDICAP 1 60 1974 C3,951	
501	421800 SEA VICTOR (10) (D) J L Harris 4-10-0	B Doyle 4
502	50-1154 BOURLE AGENT (55) (D) M Johnston 3-9-3	# Roberts &
203	562010- PALITSA (427) M Hammond 4-8-1	, Fortuge 6
504	31119) PHARLY DANCER (8) (D) W Holgs 7-0-0	D R NoCaba 1
505		
506	170302 SHOW FALCON (12) M Ball 3-8-8	
507		
508		A Clark 2
50û	005080 PROMETRILD PIZZ (17) (C) C Febburst 4-7-10	
ے و	579075	
	manus trans. C Pulson & Paralla Anna S Talana Pana	E

TOP PORUS TIPE: Smoor Paicon 9, Double Agent 7, Tolom Deccer 5 1996: Protects Bennar 2 8 4 L Setted 4-1 (J Condum) 7 star Battleg 3-1 Snow Falcon, 4-1 Double Agent, Porgie, 5-1 Paiktes, Totom Deccer, 7-1 Pharty D Notorints.

BOUBLE AGENT: Cheecd haders, organized of our hope of the 35 php. 62-fmj.

Revening an 35 php. 62-fmj.

Revening an 35 php. 62-fmj.

Revening Led over 23 out until inside final furious, bits 250 by He's Got Wings ( Newcassia 2m, Gd-Fmj.

RALITHAN bever designous, 7th of 30 bits 123, to Radomske (Corresp) in 21 hep, Gd-Fmj.

TOTIES DARICHER Always chesing leaders, stayed on one pape final 21. 4th of 14, bin 101, to Compace Bevering Ins. 4th pp. 64-fmj.

PRARICY DARICHER Hover designous, 9th of 14, bin 121, to Ayunii (Haralton Im 41 hop, Gd-62).

ROOFFISHTTE Headway of out, ridden 4t out, one pape, 5th of 16, bin 101, to Ayunii (Feitzstone Im 71 82).

4.4	5 scu	BOBOUGH HAMPICAP to 11 C3,376	
101	403008	SPANSK VERDICT (11) (C) Denys Smith 9-9-10 .	X Pallin 5
102	550654	ABSOLUTE UTOPIA (14) N Berry 3-9-9	
2	2-536	CHEFORTHEDITCH (19) (BF) J Gotden 3-0-0	L Detteri 10
104		ESSAYEFFEEE (11) (C) Mrs M Revoley 7-8-8	K Darley 4
10.5		DISPOL GEM (11) G Oktroyd 5-0-8	
105 106		BULSARA (9) (CD) C Fairmord 4-9-8	D MoKeowa 11
87	600620	KNABAR (36) R Bastimes 3-9-5	H Beatleste (5) 15
ЮВ	2420	VANADICINI ORE (3) J Eyrs 3-9-4	T WEGGE 13*
209		ADVANCE EAST (35) M Dods 4-9-4	
10	020000	SPAINSH STREPPER (11) (C) M Chapman 5-0-2	P NeCabe (3) 2
Ht	610010	YOUR MOST WELCOME (18) D threach Davis 5-8-1	
112	228403	CEE-JAY-AY (11) J Barry 9-9-1	P Reberts (5) 7
143	612102	EDROBOX BOY (20) A Jan's 3-0-0	R Cockrane J
114	0-00822	WESTERN WESTURIN (9) R Lickeller 3-8-12	5 \$anders 1
MB	650002	AWESOME VENTURE (11) (C) M Chapman 5-8-12	,
MB	012005	SQUARED AWAY (11) (C) J Payro 4-8-11	A Clark 18*
6 m	1012		
		k Coo-Jay-Av S. Cuelorthedisch 7, Encayoffsee 6	

199<del>5: Alexandram 3 8 7 A Wheles 14-1 (Miss Gay Kell</del>e

http., Fest.

ANYENGAME VENTURE: Ran on well when bin 11 by Mels Beby (Reduser Ins http., Fm).

ARESOLUTE UTOPIA: Headway over 11 out, ma on, 4th of 12, bin 25, to Meld For Baileys (Epi

5.1	5 SETTEMOTOR BANDICAP 370 71 CS,719	
	MC5 CSESICO (89) (BF) J Gosdan 9-7	L Dettori 14
	130101 POWER CAME (D) J Berry 9-2	K Dartey 8*
-	CONTRACTADORY (4) C British 8-1	
3	23346 AGENT (44) J Eyre 9-1	D McKerum 20
-	20003 190EY'S GRAB HEEZ (14) (D) K hory 5-13	
5	SHOR MANAGEMENT CONTRACTOR OF A STREET	A Ridger (7) 18
6	003441 COMMICKE QUEST (18) M Cheanon 8-10	
7	60-200 FERLE PHANTASY (20) P Celver 6-10	
8	20046 DOUBLE OSCAR (19) D Nichols 8-10	Alex Greens 7
ē	ACOLD AND ALBERT (82) J Glover 8-10	5 \$###### 11
10	0-30033 POLAR REPRAIN (19) (BF) C Dayer 8-6	
11	22005 MOINIMO SURPRISE (21) A Javis 8-7	R Cochesso 19
	2000A BONFLANDSCHE STUD (17) P Burgeyne 8-7	Beeley (7) 3
12	COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE	
13	150050 TOO HASTY (63) (U) T Easierby 8-7	Darren Moffatt (3
14	44150 FARLY SURE (20) (D) N Berry 8-2	Kim Tiekler 12
15	416100 OFFICE (28) (D) N Tickler 7-12	
15	PERSON DOUG'S POLLY (1) M W Easterby 7-11	L Charmock 6*
17	46000 BELBAY STAR (17) J Syre 7-11	H Varley (3) 5
	D-STEEL THE EARNESLEY BELLE (1.5) J Eyro 7-10	T Williams 4
18	50530 SHEEMOOD (20) K Nory 7-10	
19	2220 SEPTEMBER CONTRACTOR STATES	7 Marton 18
20	0-00805 DOMA FILIPA (10) Mas L Sideali 7-70	N Keenedy 2
21	00-0 SMLERIT SYSTEM (29) D Chapman 7-10	

70P PORM TIPS: Chirico 8, Power Same 7, Comicin Greet 6 Bettiang 9-2 Chirles, 5-1 Power Game, 7-1 Cornicins Guest, 19-1 Agent, Ivory's Grab Hire, Polar Retrait 12-1 Morneto Suroriha. 1980: Guilling & 8 3 J Wester 9-4 (M Pods) 27 ran

PORM CURDE - CHERICO: Prominera stands' side, weekeerd over 11 out, 5th of 18, ten 61, to Welle Settler POINT GORDE - CHEMICH PROMINENT STATES STATE WELL WEST TO THE PROMINENT OF THE POINT OF THE POIN

of hep. Gci-Sti). ANORTY'S CIEAR HIBBE: Headingy stands' such over 11 out, not trouble whener, 3rd of 23, bon 61, to Sharing

● Blinkered today for the first time: REDCAR: 3.15 Italian Symphony, Jack Saya.
Northreck House; 5.15 Firle Phantasy. WARWICK: 1.20 Myosotis; 3.30 Inaminit.

# Warwick runners and riders

Dan Clarke's hat-trick swept Wigan's Alliance and Acad-Ireland to a stylish 5-2 victory emy sides.

Richard Merriweather in | over Poland in the World Cup

preliminary tournament in

Caeliari. Sardinia vesterday.

Ireland, missing their cap-

tain Alan Down yesterday,

have now won their ground

whatever happens in today's

tract left to take charge of

game against Italy.

Rugby League

2.30 Burandi 8,00 HEART FULL OF SOUL (

4.30 Dragonada (rsb)

1.30 mm canniclow hadden stakes (DW i) 270 77 cs/428 COLD LAZARUS R Phillips 8-11 ... COLD LAZAGUS IN PRIMED IN-22 FARHAM (10) P Welsyn 8-17 60 INTIVATI (87) J Dunlop 8-11 00 INTOSOTIS (32) P Main 8-11 12 POLAR PIJOHT (12) M Johnst PRIMCE JORDAN I Campbel 8 SUCH PRESENCE K Bridgwaler 8-11 00 TARYAN PARTY (13) P Cole 8-11 ..... 0 THORNTON (33) J Gosden 8-11 .....

TOP FORM TIPS: Furious 10. Polar Filebi S. Thorston S Bastings 5-4 Fartian, 4-1 Polar Flighs, 5-1 Thomson, 8-1 Regal Reprissand, 12-1 Rhapsody in White, 14-1 Tartan Party.

all Pa	ıy.		
00	TATT	ERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES 2YO OF \$4,17	1
	Q	TRIPLE HAY (32) S Hannon 8-9	
2		WING OF A PRAYER W Jarvis B-9	
	4	PORCEMS BID (9) M Prescolt 6-8	G Duffield 5
	4	CRAIGIEVAR (106) J Fanshawa 8-7	D Harrison 7
5	a	STAR TURN (45) M Bell 8-6	
í	né	QARLESEA (75) B Bough 8-4	
,	_	BHICKELL A Hide 8-3	A Wollstone 10
i		FLESVE D'OR D Haydn Jones 8-1	
í		LADY SHIRL P Mitchell 8-0	4 <b>مولون ل</b> ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ
i		BALLERINA'S DREAM M Magain 7-13	
	0	REVER COLF LOVER (24) T Naughton 7-13	
į		COLLEGE PRINCESS C Dwyer 7-12	Je Hungam (7) 1
ī	0	ISCA MAIDEN (17) P Heyward 7-12	
i	-	BISKY BESSILE J Banks 7-12	
i		CONCETTORICE I Consulton 7-19	M Under 130 49

BRIDGOLOW MAKDEM STAKES (Div 2) 270 71 C3,428	
2 BURGBERI (16) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	
CRYSTAL HEARTED (20) H Candy 8-11	
DEAD AM (13)   Balding 8-11	W Rysta 10
Q002B0UBQ J Dunlop 5-11	T Spirake &
EARWAL (47) B Harbury 8-11	
PRESENT CHANCE B McMahon 5-11	L Heates (5) 9
PRIX DE CLERMONT G Lovis 8-11	(3) 3
ROYAL BORN (12) W Jarvis 8-11	S Davies 1
SHARP DEED P MALIN'S-11	Q Defffeld 7
WOSSLE (12) W Hagges 5-11	R Mc <b>Chin</b> 4
	CEYSTAL HEARTED (20) H Candy 8-11  DEAD AM (13)   Balding 8-11  GHZBOUBG J Dunlop 8-11  MARWAL (47) B Harbury 8-11

19-1 D	ORG 7011-		
3.0	0 and	PS LANDER NURSERY HANDICAP 270 1m 24,384	
1	31534	SMECURE (19) J Gosden 9-7	J Carroll 18
ż	82020	FLOTTELA (60) (BF) M Prescot 9-5	
3	451049	CAN'T REPORTED FOR (12) P Evens 9-3	J F Boso 16
ž		SUDEST (27)   Baiding 9-2	
3	610	DCTEROREAM (18) R Hennon 9-1	Dame O'Black 0
ă	249	HIGH EXTREME (14) (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13	
ž	540	CARLYS QUEST (17) J Neville 8-11	R Houses 3
ė		CITY QAMELER (13) G Bravery 8-10	
ŝ	950999	MARAND (36) J Spearing 8-9	S Drawns 7
10		BIGHTY HO (20) P Walson 8-8	
11	200	PROCESS OF HEARTS (14) B Moekan 6-6	M Taldadi 10
	U P. D.	HEAST FULL OF SOUR. (8) P Cole 8-8	7000
12	UCHE.	MORLE NERO (13) J Sheeter 8-6	
13	541	CNARMANS DANGETER (14) (2) J Peerce 8-6	
14	40012	DESCRIPTION OF LAND AND A CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	ب جسم السيب المسلم ا
15	900	ROSEIU(AVALSER (25) L. Cotreit 8-5	
18			
17	05071	SCARROTS (20) 8 Williams 8-1	······································
18	18655	DEE PEE TEE CHE (18) M W Easterby 8-1	A Malžionė 2
19	24142	HELLO DOLLY (40) K Burks 8-1	S Divise 10
20	005	MESICOCA (14) D Murray Smith 8-1	1 فصافة الــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ
ine o	nesi 7799	Heart Pall Of Soul 8, Slotoure 7, Marmal 6	
letilm	s 7-1 High	: Extreme, 6-1 Heart Full Of Soul, Sinecure, ! Can't Remard	ser, 12-1 wierziud, Chekima

.3	WHOXEALL CLAUENG HANDSCAP 1m 2f 100yris C3,422	
1	146504 PROUD IMAGE (38) @ McCourt 4-10-0	Reid 15 أبيب.
2	4(015) KETABI (25) R Alexiurs 5-9-11	T Quiço S
3	364064 TPSTHEBUSINGSS (6) 5 Dow 4-9-0	A Dady (6) 3+
4	355060 EMAR BOLD (6) K Curningham-Brown 3-8-8	7 Sprake 4*
5	40550 ARABOYBILL (111) J Neville 5 9 8	R Saghes 12*
6	300543 XEVASINGO (10) B HRIs 4-9-5	<b>ii Hik</b> 11*
Ť	20-M20 BLAZE OF CAX (16) J Bradley 5-9-4	R Pireart (7) 1
ė	80-500 PROUD BRIGADIER (6) (C) P Burgoyne 8-9-3	# Whelm (3) 16
ĕ	54550 SAMARA SONG (8) W Turner 3-9-3	D
10	515830 CLUED UP (6) P Brans 3-9-2	J F Eggo 8*
1	0-0300) BEALERST (32) H Cosingridge 3-9-1	±20 معلمي لر
2	433500 SELL FARM DANCER (29) (D) W Brisbourne 5-8-0	D Graffiths (5) 12
	000-005 PETROS PREDE (14) M Botton 3-8-0	P Biomofield 17
3	(52-00) BACK BY DAWN (48) D Elevorth 3-9-0	D Herrison 9
4	(04352 RACRIO BRESIDA (86) B Morgan 5-8-13	S William th 19
6	(0422 COMEDA SIASSE (58) N BOUN 3-9-15	Date // Mall A
6	(SACT COMEDY AVAIN (20) N DOILY 70-12	M Discount 4.4
7	(062) PAT'S SPLENDOUR (31) H Collegeidge 5-8-11	
8	006 MONTE FELICE (28) G Harwood 3-8-11	
9	600001 IN CAMDOTS (16) A Newcombe 3-8-11	
1	00(5 CHESTERIE (35) P Makin 3-8-10	
	norm with the Market C. Market Property 7. Cloud 110 ff	

# 4.30 EEF MAIDEN FILLES' STAKES 2YO 71 24,566 33 ALL IN LEATHER (19) W Hagges 5-11 ..... AQUATIC QUEEN R Weaver 5-11 ..... AQUIATIC QUIERI R Wenner 8-11 ..... 9 BOHBITT (26) W Jarvis 8-11 ..... 2 ERAGOMADA (14) (BF) H Cecil 8-11 .... 0 FARR RELATION (87) P Cots 8-11 .... 1 LONEL Y HEART (17) D Chappel 8-11 .... 23 MAYPLOWER (22) Baiding 8-11 .... 24 MEL VALLEY (10) P Chappel Hyan 8 .... J Rold 3 G Outflold 10 Dune O'Hell ( J Outer 9 J Wester 12 Enses O'Gom PRODUCA (28) P Howing 8-11 5 ROYAL ORCRUD (59) R Hunnon 8-11 5 HETS BAWAN P Mitchell 8-11 5 STAR ENTRY (20) W Jarvis 5-11 5 SUPPERBELLE (20) M Jarvis 6-11

<b>-1</b> /	Ali in Leaste	gr.	15 namen
	)O sor	FAIR LIMITED STAKES 1m Ca.807	
1		MASTER BEVELED (2) (D) P Pogns 6-9-4	J F Boso 7
ġ	425004	DANCING HEART (21) B Mesher 4-9-7	# Telebest 12
3	800-008	NUMEACRES (14) N Babbage 5-0-1	2 Hophes 2+
ă	10-1305	MORTH RESE (14) (D) M Prescott 5-8-1	Q Ded Seld 11
š	000/-658	SMALTA CHEEF (39) E Owen 4-0-1	R Cody-Soutsbor (7
-			5
6	00-0500	24/2024LLEN (21) Mrs L Journ 4-8-12	
			17
7	334-540	BELZAO (104) D Elsworm 3-8-12	D Orlffiths (5) 13
8	3-55050	DETACHMENT (59) P Chappie-Hyam 3-8-12	ـــــــ Reld 4
ē	516600	DISALLOWED (20) M Bell 3-8-12	# Fertion 3*
(0  1	255130	DISTINCT REAUTY (138) (B) (BF) W O'Gorman 3-5-12	Euma O'Cormin 8
11	4050-0	INPENDING PANCIES (56) K Bridgester 3-8-12	Y Shittery 9
2	0-44040	HAED (18) P Walwyn 3-8-12	
13	016540	SINGAPORE STUIG (26) (D) H Cecli 3-8-12	Pat Eddory 6
14	<b>010</b>	TORRECUSIT (234) (D) Lord Hundington 3-8-12	D Kerrisce 15
15	502	DAMEORA (17) W Jervis 3-8-9	J Wazner 14
16	095506	HADADARELE (11) Pat Mitchell 3-8-8	Dese O'Nol5 1
17		POLLY GOLIGHTLY (22) M Blanstrard 3-8-8	i Gaine 10
Ψ.	1924 TES	t North Raef 8, Master Bevelad 7, Singapora Sting 6	
		ter Beveled, 6-1 North Reef, 7-1 Dencing Heart, Singapore 5	2005, 12-1 (Janiora, 1962) 17 mateura
	or Bassies		

**FONTWELL** 

# Results

E14,50.
2.45 (8f; 1, COUNT ROBERTO, R Havin (12-1); 2, Dowry (8-1); 3, Sparky (25-1); 4, Westerstroke (18-1). 11-2 fav Danshill Princess. Sr ran. 35, 8f (P Chapple-Hyam) Tois: C12.10; C2.60, C2.00, C3.00, C2.70, Dust F: E72.30, C8F: E22.34. Tricest: C1943.37. NR: Chingachgook, Colone's Pride. (Chin-

Holders Hill.
2-49 (2re 17): ALWARDA, J Fortune
(20-1): 2, Leseris (25-1): 3, Greet Oration
(7-2): 7-4 law Ho's Got Wings. 14 ran. 3, k. (M
Hammond Tolks: 227-30: 127-40: 55-90. 17. 70.
Dual F. 1368-50. CSF. C388-63. Tricest:
1.985-72. Trice: 225-50. E1,995.72. 100:125530. 4,15 (6(): 1, ORTOLANI, Pat Eddery (8-11 fev): 2, \$tandown (15-2): 3, Middle Bast (7-1). 18 ran. 3, 1. (R Hannon) Tota: £1.70: £1.30. £2.40. £2.20. Duai F. £10.50. CSF.

EB.55. Tric: C1.20. 4.45 (1m): 1, NPLS BABY, T Williams (8-1): 2, No Gliches (7-2 lav); 3, Seasdorts (25-1). 12 ran. Nk, hd. U Eyre) Tota: CS.80; (25.5): C1.80, C5.00. Dual F: C18.00. CSF: C3.483. Tricast: C630.12. Tric: C178.10.

CAMBLE, Mr 7 Trorriton (p-4): 2, Distant Monorcy (4-5 tay): 3, Arthaf Arthur (7-1); 4, ran. 26, dist. (R Buckler) Tota: E3.40, Dual F: C1.90, CSF: 24.38.
5.00 (28m 2f 110yds Hdde): 1, MR EDGAR, PHide (8-11 tay): 2, Dacello (2-1): 3, Gaddy's First (9-1); 7 ran. 12. 5. (J Gifford) Tota: C1.60; C1.10, C1.60. Dual F: E1.90, CSF: 22.58. NR: Roskeen Bridge. CHADDOTT 5128.10



# **Hoddle relies on** Pearce to keep clear of trouble

David Lacey on the coach's faith in the England defender who decided to play on

LENN HODDLE be-lieves that, with referees clamping from behind, defenders will need to learn new techniques. Why, therefore, has the England coach persuaded the 34year-old Stuart Pearce to he was thinking. come out of international

Surely Pearce is too much of an old Forest hound to be learning new tricks. Com-pared with the wild young left-back who, 10 years ago, regarded a standing leg much as vour average mutt sees a lap-dog now. But he is already carrying one yellow card after a gratuitous foul on Miterey in Moldova last month, and more may follow unless he curbs his naturally aggressive style.

Pearce's strength and experience highly enough to con-sider him worth the risk in the present refereeing cliresume his duties alongside Gareth Southgate and Gary Pallister when England meet night in their second World

players of Pearce's experience." Hoddle said vesterday. "In the heat of the moment he can do much to steady things. But there are times when he has to calm himself, espe-

Patrick Glenn in Tallinn

OHN SPENCER looks

sixth player to withdraw

from the Scotland squad for

tomorrow's World Cup qualifier against Estonia. But the

good news for Scotland's man-

ager Craig Brown is that Stu-

art McCall's hamstring injury

should not prevent him from

Spencer too has trouble

with a hamstring, which

Brown said was "very tight" at yesterday morning's work-

out in the Kadriorg Stadium.

The manager added that he was now down to "the bare 18

we need for a game", implying that the Chelsea striker has no chance of recovery.

Riga, McCall also seemed a likely candidate to drop out.

He has dramatically im-

proved since his injury, how-ever, and instead it was the

Pearce had decided in April that his England career was virtually over. The disappointment of losing a second major semi-final to Germany on penalties, even though he did not miss this time, was merely incidental to the way

"I thought it was the right time to bow out," he ex-plained yesterday, "but then Glenn said that, if you were playing well enough, age didn't matter, so I changed

Hoddle reckoned Pearce was set on jumping before he was pushed and had little difficulty persuading the de-fender that there would be a place for him in the new England set-up.

The continued absence of Graeme Le Saux, the Black-burn left-back who has started to play reserve-team football after a broken ankle but is still some way off international consideration, must have played some part in mate. The defender is set to Hoddle's determination to Pearce's success in adapting to a slightly different role as equal justification for keeping

him in the side. At the same time it was hard to avoid a sense of paradox vesterday when hearing Hoddle extol the virtues of Pearce in one breath while in the next welcoming the greater protection from cially under the new interpre-tation of the rules, and I've ers of the Hoddle ilk were

Spencer loses struggle

2-0 win against Latvia. "But he is also injured," said

Brown, "otherwise he would

terrific dressing-room and training-field influence and

we would have liked him

here, but it was best that he

"Coventry have a televised

match with Southampton on

Sunday and it is important

to get him ready for that. We

called Coventry and spoke to

Gordon Strachan, who agreed

Estonia won a competitive

match for the first time in

their history at the weekend when they beat Belarus 1-0 in a Group Four tie here. They were watched by Frank Coul-

clean sheet as a major vic-

captain Gary McAllister who tory," said Coulston. "Their boarded a plane home vesterday.

The Coventry midfielder is suspended, having picked up tory," said Coulston. "Their Harper of Hibernian is suspended after being booked it was from a corner kick. They don't create a lot in Charlie Miller is doubtful.

ston, one of Brown's staff pen for ourselves."

Coaches at the SFA.

"They are extremely defen-sive and seem to regard a make changes in his team to

return for treatment.

came home."

a second yellow card in the | open play. But they are disci-

to face Estonians

certain to become the have stayed with us. Gary is a

"People used to get away with a lot, especially in the first 10 minutes of a game," the England coach reflected. 'Football suffered, not just myself. Now the stricter way the laws are being applied has taken man-to-man marking out of the game. The days of Gentile are over. Hoddle is well aware of the

dangers, as well as the benefits, that giving skilful players greater freedom may pose "I think we will have to develop a new breed of defenders," he observed. "We talk about working on techniques with the ball but we've got to find a new technique of how to tackle. I don't think the referees are going to change, so it's up to us.'

Yellow cards are another problem. "Players must think about the areas in which they might get booked," said Hod-dle. "There are a lot of bookings near the halfway line when there is no threat to

Paul Ince, like Pearce, was cautioned in Moldova, again for a needless foul. Ince was one of Graham Taylor's "headless chickens" when England forced a 1-1 draw in Poland in 1993 four days before their ignominious defeat in Norway. A booking in Katowice ruled Ince out of the Oslo game but Hoddle reckons that playing for Internazion-ale has given the midfielder better judgment.

"He now appreciates when to tackle and when to stand off." the coach observed. Certainly both Ince and Pearce need to watch their challenges tomorrow, for Hoddle will need them against Geor-

plined and determined and

clear pointer to his expecta-tion of spending most of the

night in the home half of the field. With Spencer a likely absentee, John McGinlay of Bolton seems likely to win his

10th cap. "We have to juggle a little."

that the injury problems with this squad have been the worst in his time. "The play-

ers have responded well to

the setbacks: those who have

come in have done a good job.

and expect that. The victory

in Latvia has lifted everybody

and there is optimism but we

still have to make things hap-

• The Scotland Under-21

face Estonia tonight. Kevin

"But we can't just sit back

Brown insists that he will

that can be awkward."



Thank God you're here . . . Francis Lee gets his man at last as Steve Coppell arrives to take over as manager at Maine Road PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID DAV

# Coppell saves Lee further farce

lan Ross on Manchester City's relief as they finally find themselves a manager

manager finally ended yesterday with the ap-pointment of Steve Coppell, who is still revered across the tracks at Old Trafford for his

Six weeks after Alan Ball resigned, Coppell boldly agreed to go where so many others have feared to tread After more than a week of ne gotiations and soul-searching the former England international winger decided to stand down as Crystal Palace's director of football and accept what some believe is one of the least desirable jobs in

Coppell, who becomes The 41-year-old Coppell's the closest Lee came to pen-City's eighth manager in 10 appointment came less than ning the final chapter of a there are players of great

former international colleague, as his assistant. Neal resigned as manager of Third Division Cardiff City yesterday morning. Asa Hartford, who has run the Maine Road club as caretaker since late August, is expected to remain as a member of the back-room

The most relieved man in Moss Side yesterday was City's chairman Francis Lee. 'Steve meets all the necessary criteria so the long wait has been worthwhile hope," he said. "I like every-thing I have heard about him. He is a man of great integrity and great knowledge. I feel we have turned a corner with this appointment

that he was seriously consid- | first-team affairs himself. Coppell's desire to move back into the spotlight saved the

chairman from that.
"There is a terrific chal-lenge ahead for me," said Coppell. "I honestly believe it is only a matter of time before miership where it belongs. I am not bothered that other people did not want to take this job, and the fact that I played for Manchester United is also irrelevant."

Lee's increasingly desperate search for a replacement for Ball has at best been comical and at worst farcical. Among those who found their way on to his ever-changing shortlist were George Gra-ham, Howard Kendall, Kenny Dalglish, Bruce Rioch and Brian Kidd. Before yesterday

when Coppell's Palace colleague Dave Bassett came within an ace of picking up the reins. Coppell, who signed a faxed

working contract on Sunday afternoon after he had agreed the terms of a three-year con-tract, said: "I don't know if I can get City back into the Premiership this season but I do think the club is capable of bouncing straight back." At a conservative estimate Coppell has joined a club with debts of £20 million, yet he has apparently been promised a sizable sum to help rejuve

and self-belief. He may, however, be required to sell if he wishes to make sweeping "I have not actually seen City play this season, which could be to my benefit," he

nate a side who, by general consensus, lack depth, quality

Coppell began his playing career at Transpere Rovers before joining Manchester United in 1973. He made almost 400 senior appearances for United, winning 42 Eng land caps. After his career was cut short by a serious knee intury

he became the youngest country at the age of 28 when he took over at Palace. He the old First Division in 1989 and took them to the 1990 FA Cup final where, coincidentally, they were beaten by Manchester United. Coppell was a member of

the three-man Premier League investigating panel into the foreign-player to Palace as director of football in June last year after standing down as the first full-time chief executive of the Football League Manag-

HE Birmingham City full-back Gary Poole was last night handed further two-match sus pension and a fine of £1,000 as punishment for his push on the Huddersfield referee Richard Poulain. Poole, aged 29, appeared

before an FA disciplinary commission at Lancaster Gate to answer charges that followed the incident during the First Division game against Manchester City at Maine Road. The FA imposed an imme-

diate ban on Poole after they received Mr Poulain's report. The player bas already missed the Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Coventry City and the goalless draw t home to Queens Park Rangers in the league.

Poole banned for two more games

Birmingham's manager Trevor Francis said last night: "There had been talk beforehand that Gary anything between six are not scoring enough weeks and three months. goals. but we had a very fair heargot to learn from this and play and getting my players then get on with his game." into a more positive mood.

dersfield tonight in a First Division game with Francis demanding a more hungry and positive approach. His team have not scored in their last three games, and he commented: "We have become difficult to beat because we are defending well, but we have not got the points I would have hoped for so far because we

Birmingham visit Hud-

"I have used the 10-day ing and we can have no break since our last game complaints. The player has to concentrate on forward

Meanwhile, Birming ham's owner David Sullivan backed down on his threat to quit the club, at least for the time being. He had threatened to leave after his managing director Karren Brady was commit-ted to the Crown Court to face charges brought by the local council under the Consumer Protection Act. Last night, however, he said that he and his fellow

Goals need to be coming

from everyone.'

directors would stay pending the outcome of the trial, which is due to take place

# Lowly Bosnia seek to banish demons and look to future

Julian Borger in Zagreb on the build-up to tonight's first meeting of two countries at war with each other three years ago

Bologna tonight when Bosnia, still shell-shocked from the war, take on their more fortunate Yugoslav sib-lings Croatia in their first The World Cup Group One qualifying match is expected to be an unequal contest. Croatia have emerged from the Balkan conflict with a new model team, honed in Euro

TRUE Balkan morality tale will be spun out in Bologna tonight when "Playing Bosnia is like" playing a little brother but there can be no experiments here. We need all the goals we can get," said Darko Tironi, a Zagreb sports journalist and newly appointed spokesman for the Croatian Football

Federation.
The game is supposed to be Bosnia's home leg but Fifa ruled that it could not be held 96, to become one of the Continent's better footballing sides.
Bosnia and Herzegovina are a disparate band of war veterans and refuse a state of the Continent's better footballing sides.

Bosnia and Herzegovina are a disparate band of war veterans and refuse a state of the Continent of the first sides of the Continent of the Continent of the Indian In Count not be field in Sarajevo for logistical and security reasons. The capital security reasons and refuse of the Continent of ans and refugees, many of meeting last month and there whom have spent more time is a healthy patch of grass in-

side the running track area. but very little else. The training pitches around the stadium were all turned into graveyards during the con-flict to accommodate the

The arrival of thousands of Croatians in Sarajevo might also have opened old wounds. Bosnian Croats and Muslims fought a vicious 10-month war in 1993. They restored their alliance immediately afterwards but the red-and-white Croat chequer-board symbol is still unwelcome in the city. Only 5,000 supporters are Dzamaludin Musovic. Bosnia's team manager. On the field Musovic's prin-

cipal aim is to avoid a rout. Croatia have named much the same squad that reached the Euro 96 quarter-finals, the absentees being the injured Mario Stanic and the sus-pended Igor Stimac of Derby. But Croatia have the flair to compensate. Robert Prosinecki will take over from

Stanic on the right wing, and they can still count on their prolific striker Davor Suker. A draw in Bologna would be greeted as a miracle by Bosnia, who were roundly deexpected to make the journey feated 3-0 by Greece in their to Bologna, where the Italian first Group One match in Ka-

police have been asked to provide maximum security. "We squad has been pieced told them the game has a high percentage of risks," said left by the collapse of the fortogether from the wreckage left by the collapse of the former Yugoslavia.

Fuad Muzurovic, the team selector, has built around veterans from the pre-war Yugoslav team such as the goalkeeper Fahrudin Omerovic and the midfielder Mehmed Bazdarevic, who play in the Turkish and French leagues respectively. Muzurovic has also named

six younger players from the Bosnian league, all of whom spent much of the past four years in uniform. Mirsad Dedic and Sanin Pintul, who play for Sarajevo clubs, could only train indoors while the city was under siege, and travelled to away games through the mud-filled tunnel

Despite Bosnia's multi-ethnic aspirations, all but two of the squad are Muslims. The exceptions are Croats. Pavo Dadic and Vlatko Glavas, who have opted to play for the country of their birth rather than that of their ethnic kin. Officials sent invitations to

Serbs with international reputations, including Savo Milosevic of Aston Villa, who comes from the Bosnian town of Bijeljina, but so far have not received a reply. "Some of them are still afraid to make contact with us," said Musovic. He believes most will opt for Yugoslavia, as indeed Milosevic has..

Despite his lack of options, Muzurovic opted to drop Bos-

beneath the airport, then the inia's best-known striker Meho only way in and out of the capital. causing consternation in Sarajevo's cafe society. Muzurovic has no apologies, insisting

> Bosnia are the underdogs. If this was a movie they would come from behind and score a famous victory. But most of the players are happy just to have survived to play in an international tournament. That sense of relief, Muso-

that Kodro is off form.

vic says, is part of the prob-lem. "It is in a way a spiritual question. The players are happy to be playing but we need to change that way of thinking. We need them to start playing for results." start playing for results.

### Stewart reprieve after referee admits mistake

next month.

THE referee Paul Danson has admitted he was wrong to send off Sunderland's Paul Stewart in the game against Arsenal at High-bury a week last Saturday. The striker will now escape a

one-match suspension.

Danson, who had earlier sent off the Sunderland defender Martin Scott for two bookable fouls, agreed to review the evidence of Stew-art's dismissal, at a weekend referees' seminar with the FA and the League Managers' Association.

Stewart, who had already been booked for hand-ball, repeated the offence but claimed it was because he was fouled by Steve Bould.

Danson said: "It was a genuine misinterpretation on my part." And he has asked the FA to delete the second yellow card against Stewart from their records, although the first one will still count for two disciplinary points.

Sunderland's manager Peter Reid, who was dis-missed in the same game for arguing with Danson about Scott's dismissal, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Vietnam's national final in Hanoi was marred by vio-

lence on Sunday when riot police were called in after the losing Ho Chi Minh City Police team pushed, kicked and punched the referee after the final whistle of a game which had seen a succession of injured players carried off and nine yellow and red cards The ruling is part of Uefa's Dominic Mattee, the 22 Merseyside derby with Liver shown. The police team were new format for the competitive of the

# **Pools Forecast**

2 Derby		Newcastle	2
3 Everton		West Ham	1 )
4 Leeds	٧	Notion Forest	1 2 1
5 Leicester	¥	Cholese	2
6 Tottomian	¥	Aston Yilla	<b>z</b>
7 Winsbledon	¥	Sheff Wed	11
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION			
S Servely		C Palece	
9 Birmingham		Bradford C	1
10 Bolton		marketo	1
11 Portsmouth	¥	Charlson	
12 GPR	•	Hen City	¥
13 Reading	¥	Grimsby	1
14 Shelf Utd	v	Trenmere	1
15 Swindon	v	Oxford	1
16 West Brown		Hoddersfield	X.
SECOND DIVISION			
17 Biackpool	¥	Gillingham	1
18 Crown	¥	Brentford	7
19 Millwall	¥	Chesterfield	1

44 Clydebi 45 Falkirk 46 Partick

# Bloom guits troubled Brighton

STORM waves continued recently hounded by angry supporters, said yesterday and Hove Albion with the departure yesterday of the a "pivotal role" in ensuring director Ray Bloom. After everyone had a balanced 12 years on the board, role in future. Bloom said he was leaving because of differences with the chairman Bill Archer over the breakdown of talks with the consortium added. "The councils have trying to take over the club, currently bottom of the Third Division.

Archer believes the con-sortium, led by the Brigh-ton-born businessman Dick Knight, cannot develop the Seagulls as it does not have the capital to build a new stadium, and he has offered the local authorities free anything. It is papering shares in the club. Archer, over the cracks."

supporters, said yesterday that the councils could play

"Brighton and Hove Albion are determined to bring about a change to everyone's satisfaction," he a key role to play in bringing about an agree-able share-restructuring process.

Paul Samrah, of the Brighton fanzine Gulls Eye, said Archer's proposal was not the solution. "A share issue involving the councils isn't actually going to solve

# Champions League places rest with United

ENGLAND could have participants rise from 16 to 24 teams in six groups of four, son's Champions League if with the winners and top two Manchester United win this season's competition. Uefa have clarified guide-

lines governing the 1997-98 tournament which would allow three representatives from one country to take part. However, for a trio of English teams to be involved United would have to lift the Champions League trophy in May and finish outside the top two in the Premiership. They would then qualify as reigning champions along with the winners and runners-up in

the Premiership. The ruling is part of Uefa's

second-placed sides going through to the quarter-finals. The competition will start in July, with the champions representing the countries ranked 17 to 48 in Uefa's list

meeting on a home and away basis. Celtic's Dutch international striker Pierre van Hooydonk, recently involved in a con-tract dispute with the manager Tommy Burns, has emerged as a potential target for Aston Villa, who had him watched in the Wales v Hol-

land game.
Dominic Matteo, the 22tion which sees the number of called up by England but comeback game.

ruled out of the squad for tomorrow night's match against Poland with a knee injury, has had the blow softened by a new four-year contract at Liverpool. The Everton manager Joe

Royle has been handed a double boost with the news that his captain Dave Watson and the striker Duncan Ferguson could return after injury before the end of the Indeed Watson, the central

detender who has not played since the first 45 minutes of the opening day of the season due to knee and groin inju-ries, has pencilled in the Merseyside derby with Liver-

aEuropean Cuo

₹₹ħFootball

\* # # \*\*\* \* \* \* \*\*\*

Tuesday October 816

Robert Armstrong

said they were "baffled" by Eng-land's decision not to this autumn, so denying the tourists, who play Tests against Scotland, Ireland and ales, the chance of a British grand slam. The Wallabies, who in a

fortnight's time begin a crowded European tour which also includes a Test against Italy, had proposed scrapping the tour finale against the Barbarians on December 7 and suggested play-ing England on November 2

"The Australian Rugby Union is still very disap-pointed and baffled as to why an England Test cannot go ahead," Greg Thomas, an ARU spokesman, said yester-day. England, indeed, have not played the Wallabies at home since 1991, when the hosts lost the World Cup final

It was never likely that England, who had already lined up pre-Christmas inter-nationals against Italy, the New Zealand Barbarians and Argentina, would find it easy to fit in another Test once the Home Unions Committee de-

barians fixture. The Rugby Football Union has problems enough with its own clubs without wanting to become embrolled in a dispute with the Home Unions. But Australia also claim

that the Home Unions "have agreed to a grand slam tour every four years, starting in the year 2000". That long-term commitment has not so far been confirmed by the individual unions, some of whom may want greater flexibility in their schedule of internationals. There has been no grand slam tour to Britain by the Wallabies since 1984, when they defeated all four home countries. England have agreed to

play Australia twice a year, home and away, for the next seven years, an arrangement that will place heavy pressure on those members of the England squad selected for next summer's Lions tour to South Africa England will probably meet Australia in Sydney in early July, a short time after the Lions play their third Test against the Springboks in Johannesburg, and some Eng-land and Lions players may forgo the trip to Sydney.

Australia will play Italy in Rome on October 23, when David Campese is expected to win his 100th cap. The tour-ists' opening game in Britain cided that December 7 must will be against Scotland A at stand as the date for the Bar-Netherdale on October 30.



SARACENS have followed agenda when the English clubs umbrella group, Epruc, Courage league clubs by meets RFU chiefs today. refusing a player to an Irish provincial side for European

The First Division club have withdrawn their Ireland lock Paddy Johns from Ul-ster's final Group C match against the French club Brive on November 2, when Saracens play Northampton, but have released him to face Caledonia on Sunday and Neath

'It has always been our init has always been our in-tention to cooperate as fully as possible with the Irish provinces," said the team manager Mike Scott. "Ultimately, though, Paddy is contracted to Saracens and we

With the Europe-wide club competition starting its second season on Saturday, issues of player availability

Bristol are also thought unlikely to release Paul Burke and David Corkery for Munster's matches with Toulouse, Wasps, Cardiff and Milan as they are challenging in the

Bath will be without their

captain Phil De Glanville (pulled knee ligaments) and Scotland scrum-half Andy Nimidfield for the champions.

(closed) did not immediately seem the most advantageous setting for the advancement of aboriginal culture. But Nanawa was not about second-tier European Conferto be deflected from his task. ence tournament.

col (hamstring) against Edinburgh on Saturday. Wigan's Henry Paul will now probably • England's women are set to make their first full-time pro-fessional appointment after the RFUW signed a four-year flew was down in the ladies' sponsorship deal with the Sports Council. The new national development officer will concentrate on attracting | nestling in her handbag. Hull,

to unlock the case containing the one essential item: a didgeridoo.
"Oh Ponnyflew, forgotten
my key," he mumbled to his tollets, refilling the kettle, but

COLD, blustery day i coast that it is a powerful he drops his wrist sugges outside Hull's Town Docks Museum contender as Britain's most tively and cavorts around parochial city, was exposed, with white feathery tassels after all, to unexpected If the Australian Aborigi-

**David Hopps** shivers in Hull as Nanawa the busker uses a rugby

tour by the Australian Aboriginals to promote a little understanding

nals rugby league team display half as much craft and resolve as their cultural dancer, they will win many Shivering into a brisk north-erly wind, the 1992 Busker of friends on their three-week tour of northern England. Even the solid denizens of chester United anorak to ex-pose full native costume, and Hull showed their apprecia-tion with a smowl (a traditional greeting, halfway be-

tween a smile and a scowl) as Nanawa cavorted around Gwarnayarrahewaitairie (Nanawa serves as a phonetic approximation), translates as "little blue joey kangaroo from down beside a spring in the Dream Time"; but if he she wandered back eventu-ally and found the key was blue, it was with cold. Nothing confuses Nanawa's audiences more than the

There is a serious purpose to Nanawa's presence on a minates with two Tests against Barla (Britain's ama-

have to be made

Tie me kangaroo down . . . Ponnyflew keeps warmly wrapped as Nanawa and his essential didgeridoo cavort around the curious in Queen's Square

swinging from a murky or-

ange wrap-around. Ponnyflew (Ponjydflgydu: willy wagtail,

messenger, bringer of news

good and bad), sits impassively behind him, with an ex-

pression which suggests that,

in promoting understanding around the world, sacrifices

Blue joey's cause wins a smowl

teur side) at Workington and Salford. First, he provides a focus point for aboriginal players who, especially in the case of those raised in Australia's big cities, have only a limited knowledge of their own culture. Second, he is seeking to promote an understanding of aboriginal issues

"These young fellows haven't been fully exposed to their culture," he said. "Many of them have been brought up in the city. It's important that they accept it in their 'goodardoo' [he bashed his heart] and that they appreciate its purpose, otherwise Western ways will be allconsuming within one elling around the world to find exactly the same thing. What would be the point of

Although Australia has promoted a policy of "reconciliation" for the past 25 years, and atoned for past injustices through land provision as well as social and welfare policy, Nanawa is not alone in suspecting that the country's conscience is hardening. Aboriginals have suffered their share of spending cuts, some £200 million from the aboriginal affairs budget over two years. Predictably the Sydney

Neither had Hull exactly appeased Nanawa's mood. "I've been called 'abo' today and that's a lazy way of saying 'ab-original'," he complained.
"Those people ought to grow up. All Anglo-Saxons living in England are aboriginals too, according to the dictionary: they are all original people." At a time when rugby league has seen rancorous

dispute between Rupert Mur-doch's Super League and the Australian Rugby League, the very presence of the aboriginal party in England is hearthal party in England is heart-warming. The tour was put in jeopardy two weeks before the off when the main corpo-rate sponsor pulled out. The ARL, with a legal bill ap-proaching £5 million, was un-able to help, but a team jersey was sent to each player and they raised a large proportion of the funds themselves.

"Their communities arranged barbecues, raffles, happy hours, anything they could think of" said the

Party election victory has become a convenient vehicle sickness will be a very big ushered in a less tolerant for political protest. of them were even scared by over here. But we intend to sphere and make sure that we play good rugby, behave res-

people have shown in us." Nanawa is essential to the players' sound state of mind, a source of both entertain-ment and insight. He could ing such a vital and support-ive role when, as a child of the Indjibundji tribe, 50 years ago, he was stolen from his parents in Carnarvon, on Australia's west coast, and raised in a church mission. "Whenever I spoke in my

mother tongue they would wash my mouth out with soap and tell me that I was blas-pheming," he said. "I always fought hard to resist. I used to pick up my guitar and sing I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles I've been singing ever since.' match is against Cumbria at



# Collins reins in the Colts

Mark Tran in New York

APTAIN Comeback. otherwise known as
Jim Harbaugh, and the
Indianapolis Colts sank to
their first defeat of the season in Buffalo. A field goal by the Bills' Steve Christie decided the outcome 16-13 in overtime after 3hr 57min to end the last unbeaten record in the NFL.

Harbaugh, so nicknamed because of his knack of snatching victory in close games, was overshadowed by his quarterback opponent Todd Collins, again shining in the absence of Jim Kelly, who has a pulled hamstring.

With the defensive end Bruce Smith outstanding, the Bills did a superb job of shutting down both Harbaugh, who was sacked six times in the first half, and the Colts' running back Marshall Faulk.

Even more heartening for the Bills was Collins's performance. In only his second year as quarterback he has now masterminded wins over two of the NFL's top teams, the Cowboys and the Colts.
Collins, who should have a level head."

ice Hockey

Vic Batcheider

SHEFFIELD STEELERS'
manager Alex Dampier

was delighted with yester-day's Benson and Hedges Cup

semi-final draw, which sets his cup holders against their

local rivals Nottingham Pan-

thers. Basingstoke Bison face

Ayr Scottish Eagles in the other tie.
"Forty minutes down the

road, a local derby, great game, great atmosphere, we'll

take it," declared Dampier of

the two-leg tie to be played on October 26 and 31. At Newcastle on Sunday, Sheffield not only preserved their three-goal advantage

from the first leg of their

quarter-final tie with the Co-bras but added to it, winning leg matches.

bright future at Buffalo, Kelly | Harbaugh did have his mobeing in his twilight years, ments, particularly in the said: "I wasn't too nervous I Colts' one touchdown drive know it's the NFL but I've been in big games before. I just know if I get the ball in the right hands they will make yardage and get into field-goal range."

Collins showed his coolness under fire when, with 1min 51sec of normal time left and the Bills losing, he drove them deep into Colts terri-tory, throwing two key passes

10-yard run from Derrick ers in the NFC title game last Holmes set up the decisive field goal for Christie, who said afterwards: "Obviously you get pumped up because you have a chance to win the

Dampier delighted to take on Panthers

2-0. Perversely, a penalty against Steelers' Ron Wilson led to them breaking the

stalemate in the 29th minute.

Having spent two minutes in the sin-bin, Wilson returned

scored Sheffield's second.

when he zipped 41- and 21yard passes to Marvin Harri-son and Ken Dilger. But he spent most of the afternoon trying to avoid the rampant Smith and his colleagues.

Tony Stragusa, the Colts' defensive tackle, was philosophical in defeat. "You live by the sword, you die by the sword. We've won so many close games at the end, but tory, throwing two key passes to keep the drive going. The first was of 21 yards to Quinn Early on third and 11, and the second, to Eric Moulds, took the Bills into field-goal range and Christie obliged from 37 yards to level the scores at 13–13 and take the game into overtime.

On the winning drive, Collins again delivered on a crucial third-down play, finding Andre Reed on the Colts' 33. A 10-yard run from Derrick ets in the NFC title game last

season and will be seeking to make amends. But it will be tough, as Green Bay under-lined by crushing the Chicago Bears 37-6, with Brett Favre throwing touchdowns. for four

In Ayr, Manchester Storm gave debuts to the Canadians Chadd Penney and Eric Cal-der but although Storm im-

proved on their first-leg 4-2

stage of their second-leg

Dampier credited his match with the Bees, who had

team's win to the Italian pass- transformed a three goal first-

victory.

### | Tennis

### **Henman hits** top thirty in **ATP rankings**

has entered next week's event at Cardiff's Welsh National

Tennis Centre.

Meanwhile Thomas Muster has escaped suspension over his dramatic Davis Cup doubles walkout in Brazil last month. An International Tenmonth. An international ren-nis Federation hearing yes-terday in London decided his \$8,000 (£5,500) fine was pun-ishment enough.

The ITF's Davis Cup com-mittee also imposed no pun-

ishment on the Austrian team, which defaulted the two reverse-singles matches to give Brazil a 4-1 victory in American Football the World Group qualifying tie in Sao Paulo.

Muster had claimed that

Having spent two minutes in the sin-bin, Wilson returned to the ice, collected a clearance from his defensive colleagues on the halfway line and skated clear to beat Cobras' Great Britain international netminder Stephen Foster, whose national squad team-mate Nicky Chinn later covered Sheffield's second. spectators were spitting, swearing, throwing things port-holding Canadian goalie
Piero Greco, whose 31-shot
shut-out was crucial because
Steelers managed only 16 atand attempting to dazzle him with mirrors. "The commitshut-out was crucial because Steelers managed only 16 attempts on goal.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

Basingstoke and Scottish Ragles both won their second-lev matches.

## Results

Golf

WORLD CUP QUALIFYEIG: Gustemala 1, Trinidad and Tobago 1. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Piret Divisions Swindon 1, Luton 0. PONTUCIUSE LEAGUE Espinho 1. Mar-itima 0.

Tim Henman, who reached the semi-final of the Lyon Grand Prix last week only to lose to the eventual winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov, yesterday became the first British player to break into the world's top 30 for almost 12 years.

The Oxfordshire-born player has risen from 32nd to 26th in the ATP computer rankings and follows John Lloyd, who reached the top 30 in December 1994. He has withdrawn from this week's Tour event in Vienna with blistered feet but expects to return in the Czech Republic next week.

The British No. 2 Greg Rusedski has also improved his ranking, arresting months of decline by going from 84 to 75 for reaching the Singapore Open semi-finals last week, where he lost to Michael Chang, Rusedski is playing in Beijing this week.

Essex's Sam Smith, now 24, has become the British women's No. 1 for the first time after improving her world ranking from 214 to 134 and taking herself above Rachel Viollet and Clare Wood. The 29-year-old Wood has emtered next week's event at Cardiff's Welsh National at Cardiff's Welsh National

Tennis

Tenris

ATP CA-TROPHY (Vienna): First round:
J Stemerick (Noti) bt M Hipfel (Aut) 6-3,
5-0; J Stoblamberg (Aus) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-4, 7-6; B Ullisman (C2) bt G
Schaller (Aut) 6-2, 5-0.
LTA AUTHEM MASTERS SATELLITE
(Shedfeld): Mem First round: A Cavrilov
(Rus) bt N Watts (C6) 6-1, 6-1; S Pender
(C6) bt J Bernett (C6) w/c; P Robinson
(C6) bt C Watl (C6) 6-4, 6-4; L Clorks
(U5) bt A Vysand (C6) 6-4, 6-4; L Clorks
(U5) bt A Vysand (C6) 6-4, 7-6, 6-4; D Wara (F7) bt T Spinis (C6) 6-4, 7-6, 6-4; D Wara (F7) bt T Spinis (C6) 2-6, 7-6, 6-5; C Becoher (C6) bt M Wysth (C6) 6-2, 6-3.

6-3.
FILDERSTADT WOMEN'S TOURNASEEPT First resuch & Hagis (Switz) bt N
Sawamatsu (Jap) 6-0, 8-3; B Fitter (Ger)
bt E Literoviseva (Rus) 6-2, 8-4; B
Schafts-McCarthy (Neth) bt L Raymond,
(US) 7-8, 8-3.

AIRCHTCABII F-CO-CO-CABI BIFLE Baitimora 38, New England 46; Chi-cago 6. Green Bay 37; Detroit 28, Atlania 24; Magmi 15, Seattle 22; Minnesota 14, Carolina 12; NY Jets 13, Osidand 34; Buf-talo 16, Indianapolis 13 (od; Denwar 28, San Diago 17; New Orleans 17, Jackson-wille 13; St Louis 11, San Francisco 29; Cincinnati 27, Houston 30 (od). Boxing

WBO WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIOM-SNIP (Los Angeles): Lais Lopez (Mcx. holder) bi Luis Ramon Campas (Mex) rei 5. Cricket

TOUR MATCH (Patials, Indis): Australia 358-8 dec (M Beven 100mo, R Panting 58.

M Stater 56: Garnesh 5-103) and 39-2.
Board President's XI 252 (P Dharman's 150no: Waugh 6-59. Match drawn.

Hockey

WORLD CIP PRELIMINARY (Capillari):
Pool As Ganada 1. Egypt R. Welse 2. Kszaistan 0. Stemelinger 1. Ganada 14915; 2.
New Zealand 11:3. Switzerland 7:4, Wales
7: 5. Egypt 6: 6. Ghins 4:7, Kazakistan 4.
Pool Bi Ireland 5. Potend 2: US 5. Bangladeah 4. Seassinger 1. Ireland 150n; 2.
6. Bangladesh 2.7, Scotland 2: US 6. Bangladeah 4. Seassinger 1. Ireland 150n; 2.
6. Bangladesh 2.7, Scotland 3: US 6.
8. Bangladesh 2.7, Scotland 2: US 6. Bangladesh 2.7, Scotland 3: US 6.
8. Bangladesh 3.7, Scotland 3: US 6.
8. Bangladesh 3.7, Scotland 3: US 6.
8. Bangladesh 4.7, Scotland 3: US 6.
8. Banglad

SQUASH

QATAR INTERNATIONAL (Doha):
Second recent: S Parke (Eng) bt M Zamen Gul (Pak) 15-12. 15-7. 11-15, 15-8; J
Becestat (Fr) bt P Nicol (Scot) 15-12,
15-13, 16-8; M Chalceer (Eng) bt D Jenson (Aus) 15-11, 15-11, 15-11;
Jenscher Khate (Pak) bt A Barada (Egypt)
15-10, 15-13, 14-15, 8-15, 15-9.
WOMER'S WORLD OPEN (Malaysis):
Final qualifying E Sade (Sp) bt W Mail-land (Scot) 8-1, 9-5, 9-5; L Finangens (Iro) bt M Subedir (Ind) 9-4, 9-3, 9-4; C Waddell (Scot) bt L Khan (US) 9-2, 9-2, 8-9, 8-10, 10-9.

### Fixtures

Soccer

WORLD CUP: European Custifyings Group Once Boarda-Herzegovina v Cro-atia (3.0). Group Five Lutembourg v Bul-

Crosp Once Boarle-Hezepovina v Croatia (3.0). Group Five Luxembourg v Bulgerie (7.0).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUER Piret Divisione
Hudderstield v Birmingham (7.45).
Second Divisione Peterborough v Nons
County, Wirscham v Strewsbury.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Secol-Hand St
Johnstone v Montrose (7.45).
EUROPEAM U-21 CHABIPIONISHIP:
Qualifying Group Twos England v
Polund (7.45). Croup Four Estonia v Scotland (1.0). Croup Four Estonia v Scotland (1.0). Croup Highs Rep of Ireland v
PYR Macedonia (7.45).
EPALDHING CHALLENGE CUP: Finstround, Sirat legs Bath v Welling (7.45;
SpALDHING CHALLENGE CUP: Finstround, Sirat legs Bath v Welling (7.45;
COUNTY Allander & D'monds (7.45; Hellfax v Altrinchum (7.45; Kelbering v Slough
(7.45; Sizlybridge v Telford (7.45).
HCS LEAGUER Premier Divisione Abingdon
Tn v Walton & Hershem; Marlow v Leyton
Pennant; Woldingham Tn v Molescy.
UNISSOND LEAGUER Premier Divisione
Bamber Bridge v Barrow: Chorley v Runcorr; Gainsborough v Emley; Lancesser v
Blyti Spertans; Leek Tn v Button, First
Divisions Atherton LR v GH Harwood Tn;
Curzon Ashton v Droyleden; Filaton v
Leigh; Lincoln Uid v Eastwood Tn; Matlock
Tn v Congleton Tn; Netherfield v Gretna;

### Tiger Woods earns his stripes

TIGER WOODS took his first professional title when he recovered from being four shots off the pace after four rounds to win the £1 million Las Vegas Invitational in a play-

The 20-year-old American, who turned professional after becoming the first man to win three con-secutive US Amateur championships, hit an eightunder-par 64 to finish on 332 in the 90-hole tournament. He won the play-off with a par on the first extra

hole.
"It's kind of like it was after winning the Amateur. I can't tell you how it feels right now," said Woods. who won £194,000 and is now 40th on the PGA Tour's money list after five events.

Britain's Colin Montgomerie and Nick Faldo are second and third respectively in the Sony Rankings released yesterday. Mont-gomerie's fourth place in the German Masters confirmed his position as the European No. 1 but he Greg Norman in the world list.

# Team talk

The independent news and reports service 0891 33 77+

Rugby Union

Basketbali

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1A: Leicester v Bridgend (7.45). REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Newport v Berberlans (7.0),

06 Ipswich Town 19 Sheffield United 15 Leeds United 03 Sheffield Wed. 14 Aston Villa 11 Leicester City 35 Southhampton 20 Birm. City 34 Blackburn Liverpool 64 Stoke City 30 21 Man. City 02 Sunderland Bolton 36 Brentford 24 Man. United 01 Tottenham Hot. 07 Middlesbrough 23 West Ham Burnley Cheisea ΩŘ Millwall 29 Wimbledon 17 Newcastle Utd 16 Walves Coventry City Norwich City 18 Celtic Derby County 26 09 Notim. Forest 13 Rangers Evertors

32 OPP Hudd. Town 25 Calls cost 50p per Min Mon-Fri, Bam-8pm and 45p per vidi at all other times. Supplied By: Mis, 15 mark lame, leeds LS1 8lb. Helpline: 0171 713 4473

The Guardian CINTERACTIVE



200

die .

2

盆\_▲ ⋅ £;...

2.3

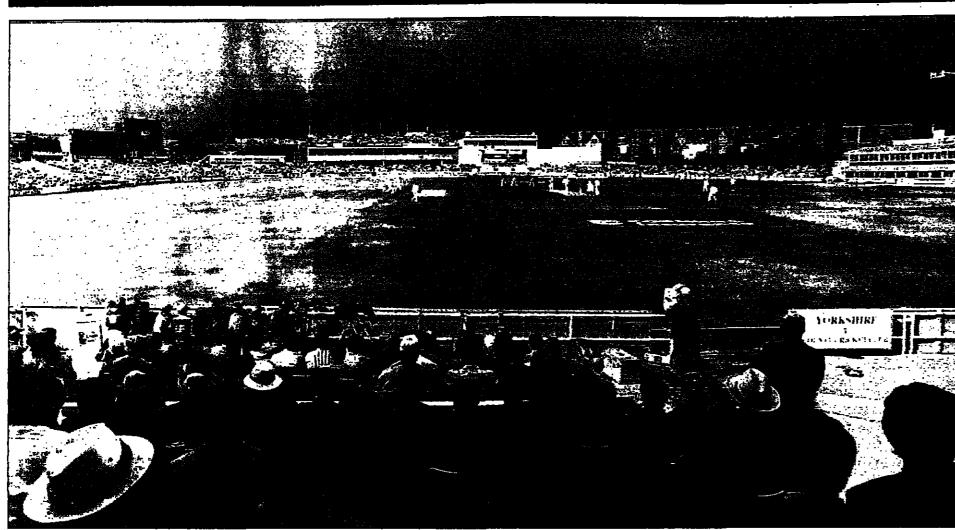
5-2 ....

. Stewart and

after refere

# SportsGuardian

# WAKEFIELD TO BE HOME FOR £32 MILLION STADIUM



# Yorkshire bid Headingley farewell

David Hopps says White Rose county's vote to break new ground will be acclaimed

ORKSHIRE have committed themselves to abandoning more than a century's tradition at Headingley and moving to a green-field site near Wake-field. The unanimous vote by the county's general committee, which is sure to be widely acclaimed throughout the county, could lead to the completion of an impressive northern rival to Lord's by

The £32 million stadium, which depends upon satisfactory grant aid, was billed yesterday, with characteristic humility, as "the finest on the league with Wakefield's Labour council, succeed in their enterprise they cannot be faulted for such brashness. They are daring where their predecessors have failed in risking a venture which is at

Headingley's survival as a multi-sports venue was in question even before yesterday's announcement Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company, the owner of the ground itself and of Leeds Rugby League Club, is already deep in takeover negotiations which could see Leeds rugby league move to

Yorkshire's pride has been 25 years as a decaying ground has housed Test matches per sistently afflicted by racist overtones, and until the past few years a once-proud planet". If Yorkshire, in county has seemed in terminal decline. This has caused much diversion for many, but almost a quarter of active cricket in England is staged in the county, and a strong Yorkshire really would answer England's need. Sir Lawrence Byford, York-

shire's president, insisted yesterday: "You have to have a sense of optimism. More cricket is played in Yorkshire than in Australia, and the new ground would have a catchment area of nine million people. The committee anticipates that 90 per cent of the membership will support

'I really regret leaving Headingley, of course I do. I queued for hours outside the ground in 1948 to watch Don Bradman. Obviously there would be nostalgia and a lump in the throat, but unless you leave something worthlow you, you shouldn't be doing the job you are doing.

"Headingley is tired. If you don't have an up-to-date ground then you increase the we suffered at this year's Test match. Unless vast amounts are spent on the ground, it has no chance of maintaining its Test status."

Headingley's staging of a Test against Australia next summer will not be affected.

promised Yorkshire that they will not have to invest a mated at £50 million, of which the White Rose Stadium would be the centrepiece. The proposed funding package en-visages a grant of £28 million.

European grants worth almost £7 million (Wakefield is a European regeneration public- and private-sector Yorkshire would own a

complex which would include its own railway station as well as a marina to offset the clude a cricket museum, hotel and catering facilities and with the Lottery in mind, a large emphasis on community use with facilities for risk of the sort of trouble that | hockey, bowls, tennis and socemy, responsible for producing the county's best crop of young players for 30 years,

would also move to the 240-

acre site alongside Junction 39 of the M1 Wakefield faced a rival bid

Wakefield's city council has | from a Leeds city council desperate to retain first-class cricket, but their envisaged ised to be as attractive a proposition.

Colin Croxall, leader of Wakefield council, insisted: This has to be the deal of the century ... the finest cricket

# **Headingley highs**

approval

Leeds Cricket, Football and | beach cricket". Athletic Company. 1890. Yorkshire CCC first play at Headingley.

1903. Yorkshire mov HQ from Sheffield. 1930. Don Bradman hits 334 (309 on first day) in Ashes

1932. Fire on Good Friday destroys main stand.

1934. Bradman hits 304. 1961. Fred Trueman twice bowls out Australians on a | to beat West Indies.

1888. Lot 17a, a part of Car- | pitch described by Ray digan fields, is sold to the Lindwall as "fit only for

Lottery bid is admittedly

large, but outside consultants

advise us that it meets the

Yorkshire's enthusiasm for

quicken the ground's sale.

rumoured to be among those

their 29 championships. 1977. Geoffrey Boycott completes his 100th first class century in Ashes Test. 1981. Ian Botham's finest hour. England, quoted at 500-1, recover to beat

1991. Graham Gooch's unbeaten 154, praised as one of England's finest innings of all time, enables England

Set by Paul

**Guardian Crossword No 20,778** 

# Hill's chance to dispel the shadow

**Richard Williams** on the point that could put the world championship leader among a very select band

T MONZA she wore a crisp white jacket on race day, looking every inch a world champion's wife. But it wasn' to be, not that Sunday. In Esto-ril two weeks later she was in the perils of hubris.

From what one sees and hears, Georgie Hill's strength aracter is matched by her enduring lack of pretension. Yet she was once a fashion igner, so she is aware of the significance of the choices she makes from her wardrobe when she goes to the races with her husband. These are the days that will

define the rest of Damon Hill's life. One point in Japan on Sunday will give him the world championship, whatever happens to the only other man who can win it, his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve. But there will be times, between

now and the chequered flag. when that point will seem as remote as a landing on Mars. If Hill wins the title on Sun-day it will allow him to banish forever the tribulations of the past three years. He can forget the criticisms heaped on his head after his failure to beat leaving Headingley could Michael Schumacher to the championship in 1994 and 1995, when he was believed to

have the advantage of the best car in the field but could not, in the end, make it tell. One point at Suzuka will put him irrevocably alongside the 24 men who have won the title since it was first awarded in 1950. And, if Hill wins it, the

of his crown, in his own way. 'A championshio is not given to you like a present," he said recently. "You have to go out and fight for it." There are, nevertheless, many different vays of winning it.

Some champions are unas-sailable. The best yardstick of all-time-greatness is winning the title more than once. Because of that the status of Fangio, Ascari, Brabham, Clark, Graham Hill, Stewart, Fittipaldi, Lauda, Piquet, Prost, Senna and Schumacher is beyond dispute. Of the one-time winners, few would quibble with the achievements of Fa-rina, Surtees, Hulme, Rindt, Scheckter, Andretti, Jones or Mansell Which leaves four whose

Hawthorn, Phil Hill, James
Hunt and Keke Rosberg, Haw thorn, the first British world champion, took the title in 1958, which should have been Moss's year. Phil Hill's title came as a result of another man's death. Hunt came down as quickly as he went up. Rosberg, like Hawthorn, won only one race in his championship

With 20 wins in four seasons. Hill has nothing to fear from statistical comparisons. But the real significance of his accession to the title would be as a reward for a devotion which has helped the Wil-liams team maintain their preeminence, so enabling them to entice the talents of Prost. Senna, Villeneuve and Frentzen into the other cockpit. Were Villeneuve to take the title, it would be on the back of Hill's hard graft. Which is not to say that Villeneuve would not deserve it since there is no such thing as an under ing Formula One world champion; just that he might de-serve it less than Hill.

Hill has no need of the title of world champion in order to call himself a man. Whatever doubts may plausibly be raised about his gifts as a racing driver, there are none concerning his human attributes. But there is a better reason than that for wishing him a happy conclusion to the season in Suzuka this weekend and it is to do with the nature

of his true opponent. At this level, each driver has his own motivation. Schumacher races against his op-ponents. Senna raced against himself. Moss raced against the limitations of his machinery. Hill races against the memory of his late father.

That might sound novelettish but it is the truth. Unlike Villeneuve, he has been unable to dispel his father's dis tinctive shadow.

HIS is a complex matter, with its roots in the fact that the son's view of the father was rathe different from that given to the rest of us. It is the reason that Hill is ill at ease in the public eye, and suspicious of

"A lot of the discomfort I feel is with myself as much as with anyone else," he told me at the beginning of the season, reflecting on two seasons of losing the title to Schumacher, "so I have to come back and have another go.'

This weekend represents his last chance to cast off the burden. For Villeneuve there will be other seasons. The odds favour Hill, but once the race begins they will be no more relevant than his wife's lucky frock.

# YOU'VE BEEN PUT IN CONTROL. NOW IT'S TIME TO TAKE CHARGE.

### THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

TAKING THE REINS OF A BUSINESS IS ONE OF THE most challenging experiences you'll ever face. At Henley Management College we have developed a four-week modular programme to equip tomorrow's business leaders with the dynamic and innovative management skills required to succeed.

To find out how you can get the best from your business and your business the best from you, call Loraine Isherwood



Building People – Building Business

HENLEY MANAGEMENT COLLEGE, ERFENLANCS, HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON RGS 3AU

TEL. +44 (0)1491 571454 FAX. +44 (0)1491 571835 EMAIL: execed

# Gazza's coming back for more

**David Lacey** hears the England's coach speak up for Paul Gascoigne and predict that he has plenty left in the tank

lieves that Paul Gas-coigne can continue to play top-class football until he is 35. This will be of consider-able relief to those who, after watching last night's hour-long study of Gascoigne on Channel 4's Cutting Edge, might have doubts about the ikelihood of his being able to do anything very much six years from now.

Gazza's Coming Home left viewers in little doubt that the Rangers and England player likes the odd drink. Three and a half years ago Graham Taylor stirred the back pages with his oblique rence to Gascoigne's "reiuelling habits".

Now, with a World Cup game against Poland tomorrow and the 29-year-old Gascoigne set to win his 45th cap, Hoddle has spoken up for the player much as the previous England coach, Terry Venables, set about restoring the Gazza image soon after taking over the squad from Taylor.

G2 page 8

LENN HODDLE be-lieves that Paul Gas-terday, "but I'm not inter-coigne can continue to ested in that.

Gascoigne 1 see before me. That's the one I aim to understand. What I see is a Gazza with a good attitude and a caring quality. During this get-together we've talked at length about a lot of things. I get the impression that he wants to change his life. He is married with a son and I believe this has made a big difference.

"When you get to 30 you can still play and have skill and wonderful ability. Life gets easier, it shouldn't get barder, and if you look after yourself you should steer clear of injuries. Ask Ray Wil-Paul can go on playing longer than he might have thought he could. I believe he can go on until be's 35 at least; this World Cup and, yes, another. He loves the game and that's a great starting point."

Hoddle continued: 'There "I know what's been said was a grim reaper over Gazza bitter cri about him, including his but there's no need for it to be lifestyle.

When it comes to their emotional health, many

times more likely than women to try and sweat

off a problem with sport or some other activity."

Peter Baker on the parlous state of the British male

men prefer avoidance strategies. "They're three

fitter and producing outstand-ing football for Rangers.

"Maybe I'm lucky with Gazza. Maybe it's taken him this long to realise how good he is. If he believes time is running out, well it isn't when you have his ability. But he must look after himself. When a footballer gets to 30 so does his body. You must take care of things properly

Hoddle said talking to Gascoigne had altered his opinion of the man. "My eyes were opened," he said. "The Gascoigne I have spoken to is the Gascoigne I want in my side, and that's a great asset for English football. I loved to watch him play, now I like the man himself. He has a lot

more to offer than many might have thought."

The portrait of the thoughtful parent the England coach has painted is not entirely in step with Gascoigne's wellpublicised drinking session which made him miss his son's birth. Nevertheless Hoddle's attempt to present his most gifted player in a better light is arguably preferable to muttering 'Drinking spirits rots your guts", as one England manager did during a bitter critique of Gascoigne's

Across 9,8 He fought for macaroni?

0.24dn Bucket of skin and feathers (4,4) 11 One who wakes with vitality after time flies (7,3)

12.22din A couple of fags come to the show (4,2,4,2) 14 A disorderly state is the York way (8)

15 Get carried into explosive missile (7) 17 The Queen in her ancestors

museum portico (7) 20 Charon and Mary cavorting in the bracken (8)

22 Maybe writing on a plate depicts salad vegetable (6) 23 Herzi's oral translation may be sharp in the main? (5-5)

24 Where to go in cross over (4)

25 Spot little kisses ending on the head (5) 26 One loudly complaining is a brave women approaching

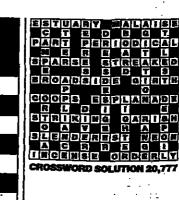
Down

1 One attending course, The Common People on the Reported State of India' (8) 2 Short head and short, short

tail (4) 3 Computer suitable to be put in dock (6)

4 Outstanding musician of note Solti produced (7) 5 Gland giving for the nation

6 Marks evident upon this cad - sober, or drunk? (10) 7 The mark of a journalist in touch over this (2-4) 13 The German in heels, no



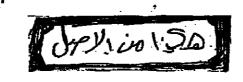
16 Masquerading, Nemesis is not a.k.a. Nemesis? (8)

18 Find and record deliveries 19 How lines may appear the

other way (7) 21 Pass by in time whilst not sound asleep (6) **22**, see 12

24 see 10 Sciution temerrow 27 Stuck? Then cell our solutions line

on 0691 338 238. Calls cost 45p per min, cheap rate, 50p per min at all other times. Service supplied by ATS



says BMCA President Andrew Marshall.

